PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-Sixth
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of
NEBRASKA,

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HARDY, NEB.,
September 9-13, 1908,
Rev. Roy Mareen Badger, Pastor.

Also the MINUTES of the Twenty-Eighth
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

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Synodical Calendar, 1908-1909.

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SPEAKERS FOR 1909.

Wednesday Night.

Synodical Sermon. Rev. L. GROH, D. D., *President.*

Thursday Night.

Principal. **MODERN EVANGELISM.** *Alternate.*
Rev. F. R. SHIRCK. Rev. H. A. WOLFE.

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY.
Rev. C. R. LOWE. Rev. C. J. RINGER.

Friday Night.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.
Committee.

Saturday Afternoon (3 o'clock).

PREPARATORY SERVICES.
Rev. W. C. HEIDENREICH. Rev GUSTAV KLATT.

Saturday Night.

RECIPROCITY IN THE EXTENSION OF THE KINGDOM.
Rev. R. W. LIVERS. Rev. R. M. BADGER.

TRAINING OF THE MODERN PREACHER.
Rev. J. A. KOSER. Rev. J. F. SEIBERT.

Sunday Morning.

COMMUNION.
Rev. L. F. GUNDERMAN. Rev. G. W. LIVERS.

Sunday Evening.

ORDINATION.
Rev. L. P. LUDDEN, D. D. Rev. M. F. TROXELL, D. D.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Place—South Auburn, Neb.
Time—September 22d, 1909.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-Sixth
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of NEBRASKA,

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
HARDY, NEB., September 9-13, 1908.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Thirty-sixth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hardy, Neb., September 9th to 13th, 1908, Rev. Roy Mareen Badger, pastor.

EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Synodical sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D., President of Synod. Text, Rev. ii. 1-7.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8.30 A. M.

Half-hour devotional service, conducted by Rev. N. P. Grose.

At 9 o'clock Synod was called to order, and after prayer by the President, Synod was declared open and ready for business.

Roll was called, and the credentials of lay delegates were received.

Synodical Roll.

	Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
1	W. F. Eyster, D. D., *a. e.*	1841	Crete.	
2	J. Zimmerman, *a. e.*	1856	Lincoln.	
3	S. L. Aughey, D. D., *a. e.*	1858	Spokane, Wash.	
4	J. F. Kuhlman	1858	Goodland, Kan.	
5	J. G. Groenmiller, D. D.	1858	Accident, Md.	
6	B. Sickel, *a. e.*	1862	Marysville, Kan.	
7	L. Groh, D. D.	1863	Omaha, 1539 N. 19th St.	C. D. Shultz.
8	M. L. Kunkelman, M. D.	1866	South Auburn	Matt. Meyer.
9	J. L. Hammond	1870	Waverly.	
10	L. L. Lipe	1871	Grand Island.	Richard Guendel.
11	D. Z. Foulk, *a. e.*	1873	York Springs, Pa.	
12	I. N. Augustine, *a. e.*	1874	Grand Island.	
13	J. A. Koser, *a. e.*	1874	Nebraska City.	
14	J. A Lowe	1876	Beatrice	Walter Springer.
15	G. W. Fraser, *a. e.*	1878	Omaha.	
16	L. P. Ludden, D. D.	1878	Lincoln, 1336 D St.	
17	A. T. Ludwig	1879	Jamestown, Mo.	
18	Henry Heiner, *a. e.*	1879	Lincoln.	
19	W. G. Gettle, *a. e.*	1880	Table Rock.	
20	M. L. Melick	1880	Omaha, 1322 S. 26th St.	Gustaf Engel.
21	M. F. Troxell, D. D.	1881	Atchison, Kan.	
22	L. M. Kuhns, *a. e.*	1885	Omaha.	
23	R. A. White	1886	York.	
24	S. R. Elson	1889	Omaha.	
25	J. F. Seibert	1891	North Platte.	
26	A. E. Deitz, *a. e.*	1891	Ponca.	
27	W. C. Eckert	1891	Dakota City.	
28	N. P. Grose	1893	Wolbach	George Mortensen, Wolbach. L. Johnson, Ericson.
29	C. J. Ringer	1894	Wayne	Otto H. Lundberg.
30	J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	1894	Lincoln.	
31	H. A. Wolfe	1894	Davenport	W. S. Sterner.
32	W. S. Oberhotzer, *a. e.*	1895	Dakota City.	
33	M. D. Berg	1896	Twisp, Wash.	
34	B. F. Kistler	1896	Benson.	
35	W. F. Poot, LL. D.	1899	Tekamah.	
36	G. W. Livers	1899	Benedict	M. L. Warner.
37	E. H. Combs	1899	Potter.	
38	J. Philip Anshutz, *a. e.*	1900		
39	J. E. Hummon	1901	Omaha, 507 S. 26th	William Sievers.

a. e. Absent and excused.

Synodical Roll.—*Concluded.*

	Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
40	R. M. Badger	1902	Hardy	Henry Garman.
41	C. H. B. Lewis	1904	Lincoln, 1313 F. St.	Dr. A. T. Peters.
42	L. J. Powell	1904	Sutherland	Henry Sudman.
43	Gustav Klatt	1905	Stamford.	
44	R. W. Livers	1905	South Omaha, 722 N. 25th St.	George Schworm.
45	W. C. Heidenreich	1906	Oshkosh.	
46	F. R. Shirck	1906	Stella	W. H. Hogrefe.
47	C. R. Lowe	1906	Rising City	A. Towner.
48	L. F. Gunderman	1907	Sidney	L. Jessen.
49	H. E. Zimmerman	....	Omaha.	
50	George N. Mendenhall	1908	McCool Junction	Henry P. Smith.
..	.....	....	Tekamah.	
..	.....	....	Homer.	
..	.....	....	West Point.	
..	.....	....	Wilber.	

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was recognized in his official capacity, and given the floor of Synod.

Rev. E. Bollman, a member of the Kansas Synod, was received and given the floor of Synod.

Rev. A. B. Wilson, pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to Synod.

By motion, the hour of 3 o'clock was set to hear the report from Dr. Yarger on the Board of Church Extension, and that immediately succeeding this address, Dr. Ludden be heard on Home Missions.

The President's Report was read and referred to the proper Committee.

President's Report.

To the Nebraska Synod.

Dearly Beloved: By the mercy of our dear Lord and Saviour, I am able once more to present you the annual President's Report. The year has been one of material prosperity, and, for most of the pastors and parishes, a year of material and spiritual progress. Health has generally been given, and strength to carry on the work. While none of our pastors have been called, yet death has entered a few of their homes; that of Rev J. A. Lowe, in the

death of a son; that of Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, in the death of a son; that of Rev. W. F. Poot, LL. D., in the death of his wife. While we bow to the inevitable, we feel that it is neither blind fate nor cruel chance, but the hand of the wise and loving God, who "doeth all things well." We feel that it is ours to praise Him for the marvelous sustaining power of His Holy Spirit, and the sufficiency of grace in the day of dark affliction.

Following is a brief statement of my official acts during the past year.

PASTORS DISMISSED.

On May 27th, Rev. W. T. Kahse was granted a letter of dismissal to the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Rev. M. D. Berg was dismissed, on July 31st, to the Methodist Church in Washington.

PASTORS RECEIVED.

Rev. A. E. Deitz, having accepted a call to the church at Ponca, Neb., presented his letter from the California Synod, dated July 30th, 1908, and was enrolled as a member of this body.

On October 26th was received a letter from Rev. Fred R. Shirck, dismissing him from the Kansas Synod. His name was placed on our roll.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

October 6th, Rev. M. D. Berg resigned as pastor of the church at Ponca. He reported as his work during forty days of this Synodical year, the baptism of two infants, and the expenditure of $370.00 in payment of debt and insurance.

Rev. Fred R. Shirck took charge of the church at Stella, Neb., October 13th.

May 10th, Rev. W. T. Kahse closed his labors at Grand Island, Neb. For the eight and one-third months of the current year covered by his ministry, he reports seventeen accessions and $180.00 paid on apportionment. Illness from February 26th till May 8th kept him from filling his pulpit, excepting four times. This church seemed on the point of abandoning its work at the time he became pastor; when he left, it was self-sustaining and hopeful.

Rev. L. L. Lipe closed a successful labor at West Point, Neb., July 15th. He reports an excess of apportionment raised. On August 2d he took charge of the church at Grand Island.

On August 9th, Rev. W. F. Poot, LL. D., resigned the pastorate at Tekamah. This charge has been weakened by the separation of Grace Church and removal of members from it.

August 31st, Rev. J. A. Lowe resigned the church at Beatrice. He reports 40 accessions. Benevolence, $336.46; $416.00 spent in interior decoration

of the house, a total of $2,320.05; each item is the highest in the history of the church.

Mr. George N. Mendenhall received and accepted a call to the church at McCool Junction, June 12th.

Rev. N. P. Grose received and accepted a call to the church in Wolbach, November 29th.

SUPPLIES.

During the year the following supplies were arranged for by the President of Synod, as directed by resolution in last year's convention. Pawnee City, October 13th, by Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D.; January 13th by Rev. J. A. Lowe; June 7th, by Rev. J. F. Siebert.

Wolbach, October 13th, by Rev. Robert A. White.

Wilber, October 13th, by Rev. H. A. Wolfe; November 17th, by Rev. G. W. Livers; December 15th, by Rev. G. W. Ball, Ph. D.; December 29th and August 2d, by Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D.

McCool Junction was irregularly supplied by Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., during that part of the year when it was without pastor, and was thereby put into better condition to extend a call.

Grace Church, Tekamah pastorate, was supplied October 13th by Rev. L. L. Lipe; November 17th, by Rev. L. Groh, D. D., and December 8th by Rev. W. C. Eckert.

Potter was supplied October 13th by Rev. L. F. Gunderman, and November 19th by Rev. J. F. Cressler. Mr. Paul H. Heisey spent the summer vacation in this field, for which the Synodical Home Mission fund has been drawn upon to the amount of $15.00 per month. Account of the work appears in Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

INSTALLATION.

Rev. C. R. Lowe was installed at Surprise, Neb., December 1st, by Rev. R. A. White, who addressed the people in the morning, and the pastor in the evening.

August 16th, Rev. Louis F. Gunderman was installed as pastor of the Sidney charge by Rev. J. W. Ball, D. D., who addressed both pastor and people in the evening.

VACANCIES.

West Point, vacant since July 15th, is about to call a pastor.

Beatrice, vacant since the 1st of September, is expecting to call a pastor soon.

Wilber, vacant one year and three months, has never seen the way clear to

seek a pastor till very recently. They feel that the critical time has come. It is now or never.

Roca, left without another supporting point, unable to call and support a pastor, has grown weaker, till it is practically without hope.

Ericson, a point in the Wolbach mission, has not been regularly supplied. By the faithfulness of the few the Sunday school has been maintained. This faithful band deserves the helpful consideration of Synod.

Tekamah, made vacant by the resignation of Rev. W. F. Poot, LL. D., August 9th, is somewhat discouraged by the loss of Grace Church, which, on account of distance, is hard to serve in connection with Immanuel Church. Grace Church is weakened also by removals. Immanuel Church feels unable, alone, to support a minister. They need the helpful consideration of Synod.

Pawnee City is vacant, with but little hope of securing a pastor.

NEW BUILDINGS, IMPROVEMENTS, NEW POINTS.

During the year new buildings have been erected at Benson and Paxton.

Stella, Neb., Rev. F. R. Shirck, improvements to extent of $420.00.

Extensive repairs have been made by many churches in the Synod. Worthy of mention is that of Rising City, Rev. C. R. Lowe, pastor, where the tower was struck by lightning and required an extensive outlay for repairs, and where the foundation was repaired at an expense of several hundred dollars.

A new mission has been established in the southern part of Omaha, and carried on by the Bible class of Kountze Memorial Church. They bought a property for $1,500.00, in which a Sunday school of 110 enrollment is maintained. They look forward to the organization of another church in Omaha a few years hence, not exactly at the place which the school now occupies, but probably a little farther out. Kountze Memorial prospers and enjoys a healthy growth.

The present annual gathering marks the twenty-fifth year of our work in the State of Nebraska. Upon the suggestion of the venerable Father Kuhlman, I have written to such of the ministry and laymen as were known to have taken part in the pioneer work and are still in this earthly life. A few, but a very few, responses have been given. It will, no doubt, be your pleasure to arrange time and suitable exercises to commemorate and record the interesting beginnings of our life and labor in the State.

Several very important matters will come before you and appear in reports of various committees. I have not deemed it wise to present or discuss them in this report.

In the discharge of my duties as President during the year, there have been expended for postage $5.68, for telephone, $3.15, and railroad fare, $11.45.

It is with a feeling of unmingled pleasure that I recall the uniform kindness and cordial help you have each given me during the past three years, for which I sincerely thank you, and which moves me in advance to congratulate my successor upon the satisfaction he will have for service fully appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LOWE.

The Treasurer's Report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

BRETHREN OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD:

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as your Treasurer for the year ending September 1st, 1908:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand last report	$1367 33
Received for Home Missions	710 26
Received for Foreign Missions	483 87
Received for Board of Education	470 75
Received for Church Extension	441 71
Received for Ministerial Education	242 65
Received for Synodical Treasury	229 35
Received for General Synod	36 53
Received for Deaconess Board	138 08
Received for National Lutheran Home	83 02
Received for Nachusa Orphanage	96 85
Received for Pastors' Fund	132 80
Received for Midland Library Endowment	136 41
Received for Tabitha Home	394 62
Received for External Objects	80 25
Total	$5044 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of Home Missions	$786 57
Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions	541 98
Paid Treasurer of Board of Education	483 51
Paid Treasurer of Church Extension	550 56
Paid Treasurer of General Synod	48 97
Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board	140 08
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Home	84 02
Paid Treasurer of Nachusa Orphanage	117 05
Paid Treasurer of Pastors' Fund	137 05
Paid Treasurer of Midland Library Endowment	189 31

Paid Treasurer of Tabitha Home		$450 87
Paid Treasurer of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.		9 00
Paid from Synodical Mission Fund—Paul Heisey		40 00
Paid from Ministerial Education Fund—		
Martin Mortensen	$100 00	
Floyd Blessing	125 00	
R. Fred White	125 00	
R. R. Weismiller	80 00	
Arland R. Briggs	25 00	
		455 00
Paid from Synodical Treasury—		
J. A. Lowe	$14 21	
G. W. Livers	5 20	
J. A. Koser	6 76	
L. P. Ludden	19 72	
M. L. Melick	1 66	
C. J. Ringer	2 25	
C. H. Lewis	3 35	
J. E. Hummon	1 66	
Lutheran Publication Society	229 41	
Joseph H. Miller	9 50	
		293 72
Cash on hand		716 79
Total		$5044 48
Cash on hand is as follows—		
Synodical Treasury	$39 32	
Synodical Mission Fund	690 61	
Pastors' Fund	10 00	
		$739 93
The following have overdrafts—		
Ministerial Education	$13 35	
Home Missions	9 79	
		23 14
Balance on hand		$716 79

From the Treasurer's Exhibit for the year, it will be seen that $3,677.15 has been received for the various objects, and that 21 churches equaled or exceeded their apportionment, while 20 churches fell short and 5 gave nothing up to September 1st, 1908.

There was a deficit on same date on the various objects of $1,696.78. Tabitha Home alone had an excess amounting to $330.58.

It is very much to be regretted that the deficit is so large. I would recommend that the Laymen's Movement be pushed in every church.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF MONEY RECEIVED SINCE SEPTEMBER 1.

Homer	$17 60
South Sioux City	9 65
Dakota, Salem	5 00
Oshkosh	1 50
Lewellen	17 50
Rev. G. W. Fraser	2 00
Omaha, Grace	18 04
Grand Island	30 53
Sidney	24 20
Sidney, St. Paul	3 00
Nebraska City	88 09
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	590 15
Benson	11 38
Rev. H. Heiner	2 00
Stamford	40 00
Hendley	5 00
Potter	10 00
Wilber	3 25
J. P. Anshutz	1 00
McCool Junction	20 00
York	12 90
Total	$812 79
Paid Treasurer Tabitha Home	68 78
	744 01
Total balance on hand	$1460 80

Respectfully submitted, JOSEPH H. MILLER.

Treasurer's Exhibit for

	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.
Auburn	$1 40	$6 30	$21 00	$17 50	$14 00
Beatrice	2 90	13 05	43 50	36 25	29 00
Benedict, Bethel	58	2 61	8 70	7 25	5 80
Benedict, Zion	1 46	6 57	21 90	8 97	14 60
Benson			13 27	10 40	
Dakota City, Emmanuel	66	2 97	10 00	13 25	6 60
Dakota City, Salem	1 72	7 74	24 25		17 20
Davenport	1 10	4 95	19 50	15 33	12 00
Ericson	32	1 44	3 60	1 94	2 00
Grand Island		17 64	49 07	10 00	39 21
Hardy	1 52	6 84	22 80	29 00	15 20
Hardy, Jewell	44	2 08	6 69	5 55	4 75
Hendley					
Homer	90	4 05	6 19	11 25	9 00
Lewellen			8 70		4 15
Lincoln			34 61		11 26
McCool Junction					
Nebraska City	75	9 18			
North Platte	3 40	15 30	51 00	42 50	34 00
Omaha, Grace	2 44	10 98	26 60	30 00	24 40
*Omaha, Kountze Memorial					
Omaha, St. Mark's	2 26	9 72	32 40	27 00	21 60
Orleans			5 00		
Oshkosh	36	1 63	5 40	4 50	3 60
Pawnee City	52	2 34	7 80	6 50	5 20
Paxton	1 16	5 22	18 53	14 50	11 60
Ponca					
Rising City	1 12	5 60	16 82	19 00	11 20
Roca	50	2 25	7 50	6 25	6 40
Sidney	90	4 05	13 50	11 25	9 00
Sidney, St. Paul					
South Omaha	1 00	4 50	15 00	12 50	10 00
South Sioux City	68	3 06	9 73	1 30	6 80
Stamford			23 50	5 00	
Stella	1 40	6 30	21 00	17 50	14 00
Surprise	60	2 70	18 00	14 50	8 66
Sutherland	84	3 78	14 58	10 50	8 40
Tekamah, Immanuel	68	3 06	10 20	8 50	6 80
Tekamah, Grace					
Waverly	70	3 15	10 50	8 75	7 00
Wayne		8 55	25 15	20 13	20 00
West Point	3 44	15 48	51 60	43 00	34 40
Wilber					5 46
Wolbach		4 00	16 00	10 00	9 62
York	60		9 00	7 50	6 00
Yutan	28	1 26	4 38	3 50	2 80
Nebraska Synod		2 00			
Rev. J. G. Groenmiller		4 00			
Rev. J. P. Anshutz		1 00			
Rev. M. D. Berg		2 00			
Rev. L. M. Kuhns		2 00			
Rev. L. P. Ludden		2 00			
Rev. D. Z. Foulk		2 00			
Rev. W. G. Gettle		2 00			
Rev. J. W. Ball		2 00			
Rev. W. F. Eyster		2 00			
Rev. M. F. Troxell		2 00			
Rev. J. F. Kuhlman		2 00			
Rev. Samuel Aughey		2 00	3 00	3 00	
Rev. I. N. Augustine		2 00			
Rev. A. T. Ludwig		2 00			
Totals	$36 53	$229 33	$710 26	$483 87	$441 71
Deficits	$27 51	$58 83	$250 34	$316 63	$198 69
Excess					

*See supplemental report.

the Synodical Year.

Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Midland Library Endowment.	Pastors' Fund.	Nachusa Orphanage.	Deaconess Board.	National Lutheran Home.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Totals.	Per cent. Paid on Apportionment.
$14 00	$8 40	$7 00	$4 90	$3 50	$5 60	$3 50	$1 40	.....	$108 50	100.00
29 00	17 40	.....	17 40	7 29	11 56	2 90	14 50	.....	224 75	100.00
5 80	3 48	10 31	2 03	1 45	2 32	1 45	19 58	.....	71 36	158.75
14 60	8 76	7 30	2 11	3 65	3 40	1 00	17 03	.....	111 35	98.32
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 67	29.36
12 44	3 96	3 30	2 35	1 65	2 64	1 65	6 91	.....	68 38	133.68
17 20	10 32	8 60	6 02	4 30	6 88	4 30	22 00	.....	130 53	97.92
15 90	6 60	5 50	3 85	3 00	4 40	2 75	86 01	$15 00	145 98	153.64
2 00	.....	.....	1 12	80	1 28	.....	1 35	.....	15 85	60.28
39 20	23 52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	184 64	60.77
15 20	9 12	7 60	5 32	3 80	6 08	3 80	10 69	.....	136 97	116.27
4 75	2 64	2 20	1 60	1 10	1 76	1 10	2 45	.....	37 11	108.82
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5 00	5 40	.....	3 15	1 60	2 46	2 25	2 00	.....	53 95	76.34
.....	3 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	16 51	36.72
31 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 53	.....	99 60	41.18
5 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 37	.....	34 67	50.36
20 40	12 24	.....	7 14	5 10	8 16	5 00	12 00	.....	79 97	50.58
34 00	20 40	17 00	11 90	8 50	13 60	8 50	13 00	56 25	329 35	178.18
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The Statistical Secretary reported. (See pages 46-51.)

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President—Rev. Leonard Groh, D. D.

Secretary—Rev. George W. Livers.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. C. J. Ringer.

Treasurer—Joseph H. Miller, M. D.

Historian—Rev. M. L. Melick.

Rev. L. Groh, D. D., was escorted to the chair and addressd Synod.

On motion, the report of the Trustees of Nachusa Orphanage was read, discussed and adopted.

Report of Trustees of Nachusa Orphanage.

Your Trustees submit the following report touching the fourth full year's work at Nachusa. Matters are moving along nicely at the institution. We have been compelled to make changes all along the line in the management, and it has been for the bettering of the work.

We are still in need of more room. The Board have completed plans for the enlarging of the present buildings at an expense of about $5,000.00. During this year some effort has been made to gather funds for this purpose. We will not start the buildings until we have the funds in hand or the greater share of the money. We are constantly pressed to take in more children, but simply are up to the capacity of the present buildings.

During this year the opening of Tabitha Home has raised the question in the minds of many whether we ought to continue as a Synod in connection with Nachusa. The Nebraska Synod was one of the Synods to join in with the other Synods and incorporate for the purpose of receiving the property and taking up the work. If we are not going to support this work then our Synod ought to take such needed legal steps as will properly dissolve our relations with said corporation.

The term of Trustee Rev. L. L. Lipe expires this year, and it will be necessary to elect a Trustee at this meeting of Synod.

We recommend that Synod elect a Trustee to the Nachusa Board.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER P. LUDDEN.
L. L. LIPE.

The hours for convening and adjourning were decided as follows: 9 to 11.45 A. M. and 2 to 4.30 P. M.

Rev. W. C. Heidenreich was elected fraternal delegate to the German Nebraska Synod, now in session at Glenville.

Adjourned with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer.

The minutes of previous session were read and approved.

The list of special committees was read.

List of Committees.

1. *Committee on President's Report*—Rev. R. A. White, Rev. L. F. Gunderman and Rev. R. W. Livers.

2. *Auditing Committee*—Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Mr. M. L. Warner and Mr. L. Johnson.

3. *Committee on North Platte Conference*—Rev. J. L. Hammond, Rev. L. J. Powell and Rev. C. R. Lowe.

4. *Committee on South Platte Conference*—Rev. B. F. Kistler, Rev. W. C. Heidenreich and Rev. G. Klatt.

5. *Committee on Western Conference*—Rev. R. W. Livers, Rev. R. A. White and Rev. C. H. B. Lewis.

6. *Committee on State of Church*—Rev. L. L. Lipe, Mr. Wm. Sievers and Rev. R. A. White.

7. *Committee on Excuses*—Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D., Mr. A. Towner and Rev. R. M. Badger.

8. *Committee on Leave of Absence*—Rev. E. H. Combs, Rev. B. F. Kistler and Rev. W. C. Heidenreich.

9. *Committee on Letters and Papers*—Rev. J. A. Lowe, Rev. M. L. Melick and Rev. C. J. Ringer.

10. *Committee on Resolutions*—Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., Rev. F. R Shirck and Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D.

11. *Committee on Apportionment*—Rev. L. J. Powell, Rev. C. R. Lowe and J. H. Miller, M. D.

12. *Committee on Vacancies*—Rev. J. F. Seibert, Rev. M. L. Melick and Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D.

13. *Calendar Committee*—Rev. J. E. Hummon, Rev. L. L. Lipe and Rev. G. Klatt.

14. *Committee on Claims*—Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Mr. M. L. Warner and Mr. H. A. Garman.

15. *Devotional Committee*—Rev. L. Groh, D. D., Rev. R. M. Badger and Rev. G. W. Livers.

16. *Assistant Secretary*—Rev. R. W. Livers.

17. *Committee on Protocol*—Rev. E. H. Combs and Rev. L. F. Gunderman.

On motion, the bar of Synod was made within the fifth row of pews.

The report of the Historian was read and adopted.

Report of Historian.

Your Historian submits the following report. For two years we have kept an outline of the history wanted before each pastor. A few reported promptly to our first call. The rest were reminded and urged to respond as early as possible, and some did with histories desired, some with promises that they would, while a few have not been heard from, and we would at this time again urge upon them this duty. Delay increases the work and the expense of Historian, and also of those who first responded, as these sketches must, in justice to them, be revised so as to bring them to date of the history when published. We would urge that every brother follow the outline as closely as possible. That special attention be given to all incidents which led up to the organizatian, and the organization itself. Also to the twentieth point in the outline. This will save much of the most interesting and valuable history now going to waste.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend:

1. That all pastors who possibly can, furnish cuts or photographs of our respective church buildings and parsonages in present use, and also of those that were formerly used as such.

2. That cuts or photographs of the respective pastors be furnished and that these be of uniform size, viz.: so that four can be inserted on one page of the history.

3. That Rev. Dr. J. W. Ball be asked to write the history of Tabitha Home and Hospital, and Miss Elizabeth Haase, the History of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, the history of the Young People's Society of the State.

Respectfully submitted, M. L. MELICK.

It was urged that the pastors attend to the matter of securing facts and prepare the histories of their local churches as soon as possible.

The Apportionment Committee asked for information.

On motion, all General Synod objects remain the same, and the others considered later.

The time had arrived to hear Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, who gave a very encouraging report of the work of the year. The churches were urged to forward all moneys promptly to the Treasurer of Synod.

On motion, Oshkosh be commended to the favorable consideration of the Board of Church Extension in the Frontier Movement.

The Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions was read.

Pending its adoption, Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, was heard. The same question of prompt remittance was urged.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Grace Mission, Omaha, Rev. M. L. Melick, pastor, made more than usual progress during the past year. There is a higher average attendance at both morning and evening services. Both the mid-week prayer meeting, and particularly the Luther League prayer meeting every Sunday night, have been well attended. Every department is active. Appropriation was reduced $50.00, expenses met, benevolence surpassed any former year, eighteen communicant members were added, and but few losses sustained. The Board gives this mission $300.00.

Sidney, Rev. Louis F. Gunderman, pastor, reports improvements of property to the extent of about $300.00. Thirteen members have been added. Apportionment with some excess has been raised, and the work is in good condition; $100.00 is given by the Board.

Homer and South Sioux City, Rev. Elmer H. Combs, pastor. The work of this mission has prospered during the year. January 5th is noted in the history of the church at Homer by the celebration of its twenty-first birthday. Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., assisted in the services. The roll of charter members was read, indebtedness of $300.00 was canceled, and the note burned. During the year sidewalks have been laid and other improvements have been made at both churches. The parochial report shows healthy growth of this mission; $150.00 is given this mission.

Wayne, Neb., Rev. C. J. Ringer, pastor, moves onward in regular and

quiet work. During the year the appropriation was reduced $50.00, leaving only $100.00 between them and self-support.

Wilber has remained vacant during one year and three months. The parsonage brings a rental of $[illegible].00 a month, and has canceled the debt standing against them; $100.00 was given by the Board at the time they last had service.

Wolbach, Rev. N. P. Grose, pastor, after a long vacancy, was supplied December 1st. There appeared to be a loss during the vacancy of 20 members. Since Brother N. P. Grose took charge there has been an addition of 21 members. He reports 340 house-to-house visits. In papering, carpet and lighting plant they have paid $139.00, and in benevolence, $44.62. There has been maintained an afternoon service in the Danish language which is certainly a blessing to the older people, and brings the mission into the favor and support of them and their children. A new congregation organized eight miles distant from Wolbach which will materially strengthen the field. But little service has been rendered at Ericson, forty miles distant. The mission presents very serious difficulties, and they have been met by Rev. and Mrs. Grose with heroic self-sacrifice; $250.00 is received by this mission from the Board.

York, Rev. R. A. White, pastor, reports that the work of this mission has held its own during the past year. Six young people were confirmed and one was received by letter. They are proving themselves useful in the work. The Sunday school receives a county banner for its work in teacher-training. The great event of the year consists in the purchase of the church in which they have been worshiping at a cost of $1,480.00, transfer to be made by the court about the middle of September. No words can too highly commend the steadfast missionary and his wife in this difficult field. They ask the prayers, the sympathy and help of all the members of the Nebraska Synod. They receive $400.00 from the Board.

Sutherland and Paxton, Rev. L. J. Powell, pastor. In this mission the people are loyal and united, rejoicing in steady but slow growth. Thirteen members were added. Apportionment with some excess was paid. At Sutherland, besides the debt for the lot, there remains on the building a debt of $100.00. At Paxton, on January 12th, Trinity Lutheran Church dedicated a new house to the worship of the Triune God. Over $1,100.00 was raised on the day of dedication. It is beautiful, and beautifully furnished in oak, in Lutheran style with altar and lecturn, a monument to the work of the pastor during his three years' ministry. While all the people co-operated with commendable zeal, Mr. Henry Sudman receives special mention as prime mover and chairman of the Building Committee, a faithful leader in the enterprise. What a support to the pastor are faithful laymen! The charge is now well equipped to go forward to still greater things in the real spiritual work of the kingdom. The Board contributes $200.00.

South Omaha, Rev. R. W. Livers, pastor, reports their work during the

past year to be fairly satisfactory. There has been a net increase of about thirty-three and one-third per cent. in membership. Additions are of a substantial character. An Easter accession of 31 attracted wide attention and gave prestige to the mission. They contemplate purchasing the building now occupied if it can be done in the near future at a reasonable cost. The people are united, and there is promise of enlargement in the future. The Board appropriates $400.00.

Benson, Rev. B. F. Kistler, pastor, reports 40 members received on Easter and Palm Sunday. On November 23d the corner-stone of their new church was laid with appropriate ceremonies. February 16th will be remembered as the happy day of opening services in the basement of the new building. The event was celebrated by special services in English and German, morning, afternoon and evening. There is much enthusiasm in their work, in which the young people push forward with commendable zeal; $400.00 is the amount received from the Board.

Oshkosh and Lewellen, Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, pastor, reports steady work and progress during the past year. Material is on the ground for a new building at Oshkosh, for which the plans contemplate an expenditure of about $2,000.00. The pastor that stands faithful on the frontier would stand faithful anywhere. The Board aids them to the amount of $200.00.

Pawnee City.—This mission has been vacant one year and six months. The membership is reduced. Some great discouragements in the city church have to be met. It is thought that $600.00 can be raised on the field. The Mount Zion Church, which has been served in connection with Pawnee City, has called earnestly for a pastor all the year, and ought to have one for the sake of the young people in the community. And they would do well for a country church towards the support of a pastor.

Potter, Neb.—At the expense of Synod Mr. Paul H. Heisey has spent the summer vacation in this field. There are three preaching points. At Potter there is a church that cost about $3,500.00. Some repairing and painting has been done and hymn books have been provided. A class of 15 catechumens have been prepared by Mr. Heisey, and confirmed on September 6th by Dr. L. P. Ludden. A subscription for pastor's salary has been raised, amounting to over $400.00, and a call extended to Rev. Elmer H. Combs, who has signified acceptance conditioned upon appropriation by the Board.

Resolutions recommending this field to the Board of Home Missions for an appropriation of $300.00 were passed by the Western Conference, the same were endorsed by the members of the Advisory Board of Home Missions of this Synod and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board in Baltimore. This appeal will receive as favorable response as possible under existing financial conditions.

This mission should be restored to its place on our roll, and in order to safeguard the property interests at Potter the continuity of the old organization should be maintained. The outlook is hopeful, and affords another illustra-

tion of the benefit of both our Synodical Mission Fund and of our student summer work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LOWE,
G. W. LIVERS,
JOHN F. SEIBERT,
M. L. MELICK.

On motion, Mr. Robert Weidensall was placed on the program in addition to the regular addresses.

Mrs. J. A. Lowe reported that the Missionary Society, in convention, had raised every dollar of the endowment for the bed in India.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

We, to whom this duty has been entrusted, would respectfully submit the following:

Five young men, preparing themselves for the ministry at our institutions at Atchison, Kan., have received aid during the Synodical year, which has just come to a close, from the funds which have been entrusted to us for this sacred purpose, viz.: Fred. White, of the senior class of college; Floyd Blessing, a sophomore; Ralph R. Weissmiller, a freshman; Martin P. Mortensen, of the senior class of the preparatory department; and Arland R. Briggs, of the middle class of the Theological Seminary.

John Sorensen, of the Theological Seminary, who requested aid at our last Synodical session, and in whose behalf an appropriation of $100.00 was recommended, later informed the chairman of your committee that he was able to meet his requirements from his own resources, and consequently did not receive any aid. This on part of our worthy brother deserves special notice.

Fred. White and Floyd Blessing received each $125.00, and Martin Mortensen $100.00, as recommended by Synod. Ralph. R. Weissmiller was admitted by your committee during the month of January, and an appropriation of $80.00 made in his behalf for the remainder of the scholastic year, which was paid him in full.

On the 9th of March Arland R. Briggs, who in former years as a college student had received a small amount of support from this Synod, applied for

aid to the extent of $60.00. His request was granted; but of this amount he accepted of but $25.00, informing the chairman of your committee that this would be sufficient to meet his requirements. We would, in this connection, make mention of the fact that this brother, when a student in the collegiate department, upon two occasions did not accept of the appropriation in full, which Synod had made in his behalf. This disposition upon his part is commendable indeed.

The reports which we have received from time to ti e from our instructors in these institutions indicate Christian behavior, faithful work, and good standing in their respective classes on the part of these young men.

Floyd Blessing has completed the sophomore year and been admitted to the junior class. He asks a continuation of aid. We would recommend an appropriation of $125.00 in his behalf. Ralph Weissmiller, who has finished his freshman year and entered the sophomore, has renewed his application. We would recommend that he receive $125.00.

Martin Mortensen, having completed his work in the preparatory department and entered the freshman class of college, asks a continuation of aid. We recommend an appropriation of $125.00 in his behalf.

Fred. White has not fully complied with the letter or spirit of the action of Synod touching his case. He has, as yet, some unfinished work in the collegiate department, which, however, he agrees to make up. He will enter, or has entered, the Theological Seminary, and asks a continuation of aid. We would recommend that he be granted $125.00 on condition that he at once take up this unfinished college work and complete it as soon as possible.

Arland R. Briggs has been accepted by the Board of Foreign Missions as a missionary to Africa, and will, therefore, require no further aid.

John Hershey, who received aid from this Synod during the scholastic year of 1905 and 1906, having then quit school for a year, and was undecided as to whether or not he should enter the ministry, spent last year at Midland College upon his own resources and contemplates doing the same this. He informs us that he is undecided as yet.

We have had some correspondence with John Poot, who received $125.00 during the scholastic year of 1905 and 1906, but failed to get a return of the money furnished him. In a recent letter this brother informs your committee that if he ever becomes able he will refund this money, but that he has married a wife and that it now requires all that he can earn to keep two.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
R. M. BADGER,
JOSEPH H. MILLER,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

Adopted as corrected.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. L. J. Powell.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 8.15 O'CLOCK.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. F. Seibert on the subject of "Home Missions"; Robert Weidensall on "Past Achievements and Future Possibilities of Lutheranism"; Rev. R. A. White on "Eleemosynary Institutions."

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

After a half-hour devotional service, led by Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., Synod was opened with prayer.

Rev. D. H. Shultz, member of the Rocky Mountain Synod, and Rev. E. C. Harris, returned missionary from India, were recognized.

Rev. Charles E. Hay, D. D., Secretary of the Deaconess Board, was recognized in his official capacity, and given the privileges of the floor of Synod.

On motion, 3 o'clock was set for the hearing of Dr. Hay.

The President appointed Rev. L. L. Lipe, Rev. R. A. White and Rev. Gustav Klatt as an Obituary Committee.

On motion, Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., was appointed to prepare and present a report of Tabitha Home.

The Treasurer of the Committee on Traveling Secretary reported:

Report of the Treasurer of the Committee on Traveling Secretary.

Your Treasurer of the Committee of the Traveling Secretary begs leave to offer the following report for the year ending August 31st, 1908:

1907.			
Sep. 1.	Balance on hand, as per last report.....	$112 91	
1908.			
Sep. 1.	By rent one year, for house	240 00	
Total			$352 91

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1907.			
Oct. 1.	Paid Wheeler & Wheeler, insurance on $3,000.00 for three years	$24 00	
Oct. 2.	Paid Amalia Plumbing Co., repairs	4 25	
1908.			
Apr. 2.	Paid Amalia Plumbing Co., repairs	13 45	
Apr. 2.	Paid Myers & Dillan, repairs on glass in windows	3 50	
Aug. 6.	Paid City Taxes	33 37	
Aug. 6.	Paid County Taxes	11 02	
Total			89 59
Balance on hand			$263 32

On August 1st, I gave an order for a new shingle roof put on, and also new guttering, etc., which will cost about $160.00.

The street is being paved in front of house, which will cost about $140.00.

The house will have to be painted next year, and also the furnace repaired, which will cost about $175.00.

There may also be some incidental repairs necessary, besides the regular taxes.

Respectfully submitted, M. W. SWAIN.

On motion, J. F. Seibert was appointed a committee to make inquiry in regard to the licensing of A. R. Briggs.

The Trustees of Midland College reported:

Report of the Trustees of Midland College.

The regular annual meeting of the Trustees of Midland College was held in Atchison Hall during commencement week, with a full representation. The meeting was full of interest and enthusiasm, and much business of importance was transacted. The institution last year made satisfactory progress in every department of its work. Additional equipment was provided in the departments of mathematics and astronomy and in the library. Also the department of physical science, the biological laboratory having been completed and used during the year for the first time. Repairs to the expenditure of over $1000.00 have been made during the year. The faculty asked for a Financial Secretary to take the field in the interests of the college, both for money and for students, which was not granted. The action was taken however, directing, that the President of the college be relieved from a part of his class-room work, that he might devote more time to the particular work of visitation among the churches of the territory. An important action was taken in the change from the term to the semester system, dividing the college year into equal halves, and the recitation periods from forty-five minutes to one hour periods, in conformity to the higher educational system of the country, advised by the general Boards of Education. The memorial of the Synods asking for increase of representation giving them controlling power on the

Board, was carefully considered. While the request was not granted in full, each Synod was given an additional member, also the alumnæ association, thus reducing the self-perpetuating Board from fifteen to ten members. No honorary degrees were conferred at this meeting.

The Trustees had the pleasure of attending the commencement exercises of the graduating class, and listening to a splendid address by ex-Governor Bailey.

We are glad to report that the college opens this fall with a most encouraging outlook. The enrollment of the academy and college is larger at the opening than the entire enrollment last year. We have reasons to congratulate ourselves on the growth and progress of the institution under the careful management of our efficient president, Dr. Troxell.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. HUMMON,
JOHN F. SEIBERT.

Supplemental Report of Trustees of Midland College.

The faculty reported that the institution had received through the will of the Rev. J. G. Griffith, D. D., $5,000.00 towards the erection of a chapel or an assembly hall, conditioned on the college raising an equal amount for the same object. This $5,000.00 being the amount of insurance on the donor's life, and is payable on the fulfillment of the above conditions.

The Trustees took action with respect to the members of the faculty spending a part of their vacation in the interests of the college, and accordingly directed the executive committee to supervise their work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HUMMON,
J. F. SEIBERT.

Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., President of Midland College, gave an encouraging report of the work, and expressed the willingness and the possibility of visiting the pastorates.

The report of the Committee on President's Report was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee on President's Report offers the following, viz. :

The document placed in our hands is a report of the official acts of our President during the Synodical year; together with an exhibition of the congregations which need the immediate and careful consideration of this body. This report shows faithfulness in the execution of the important trust committed to his care, and true exhibition of the prosperity and progress of our churches.

We recommend:

1. That the official acts of the President be endorsed, and that the hearty thanks of the Synod be tendered him for his unwavering faithfulness throughout the three years of his arduous duties.

2. That the suggestion of the retiring President and the present Treasurer made one year ago, that vacant congregations be supplied at least quarterly by a neighboring pastor, be carefully pursued in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE,
LOUIS F. GUNDERMAN,
R. W. LIVERS.

Resolution from the Apportionment Committee was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

1. That the apportionment for Synodical Treasury be increased from nine cents to ten cents per member.

2. That the apportionment for Ministerial Education be increased from twelve cents to fifteen cents per member.

3. That, though in hearty accord with the plan for providing for the interest on the debt on Tabitha Home by an increased apportionment, yet, on account of the heavy apportionment, the amount for Tabitha Home remain at two cents.

4. That each pastor place the Treasurer of Synod in communication with some laymen whose function shall be co-operation in raising the apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. POWELL,
C. B. LOWE.

(For tabulated statement, see pages 26 and 27.)

Report of Committee on Minutes of Western Conference was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of the Western Conference.

Your committee would report that the records of the proceedings of the Western Conference placed in our hands have been investigated. One meeting has been held the past year,—July 7th, 8th and 9th, with Pastor Heidenreich and wife, at Oshkosh. The program shows that the sessions were of interest and profit. Under resolution the work at Potter, in care during the summer, of student Paul H. Heisey was commended to the careful consideration of the Advisory Board of Home Missions, and appeared before this body at an early session. No other action of the Western Conference demands the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH W. LIVERS,
R. A. WHITE,
C. H. B. LEWIS.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	National Home.	Tabitha Home.	Midland Endowment.	Totals.
Per Member		$0 02	$0 10	$0 30	$0 25	$0 20	$0 20	$0 15	$0 07	$0 05	$0 08	$0 05	$0 02	$0 10	
Auburn	70	1 40	7 00	21 00	17 50	14 00	14 00	10 50	4 90	3 50	5 60	3 50	1 40	7 00	$111 30
Beatrice	170	3 40	17 00	51 00	42 50	34 00	34 00	25 50	11 90	8 50	13 60	8 50	3 40	17 00	270 30
Benedict, Bethel	28	56	2 80	8 40	7 00	5 60	5 60	4 20	1 96	1 40	2 24	1 40	56	2 80	44 52
Benedict, Zion	68	1 36	6 80	20 40	17 00	13 60	13 60	10 20	4 76	3 40	5 44	3 40	1 36	6 80	108 12
Benson	90	2 84	12 68	27 00	22 50	18 00	18 00	13 50	6 30	4 50	7 20	4 50	1 80	9 00	147 82
Dakota City, Immanuel	21	42	2 10	6 30	5 25	4 20	4 20	3 15	1 47	1 05	1 68	1 05	42	2 10	33 39
Dakota City, Salem	86	1 72	8 60	25 80	21 50	17 20	17 20	12 90	6 02	4 30	6 88	4 30	1 72	8 60	136 74
Davenport	75	1 50	7 50	22 50	18 75	15 00	15 00	11 25	5 25	3 75	6 00	3 75	1 50	7 50	119 25
Ericson	16	32	1 60	4 80	4 00	3 20	3 20	2 40	1 12	80	1 28	80	32	1 60	25 44
Grand Island	142	6 76	14 20	42 60	35 50	28 40	28 40	21 30	9 94	7 10	11 36	7 10	2 84	14 20	229 70
Hardy	75	1 50	7 50	22 50	18 75	15 00	15 00	11 25	5 25	3 75	6 00	3 75	1 50	7 50	119 25
Hardy, Jewell	22	44	2 20	6 60	5 50	4 40	4 40	3 30	1 54	1 10	1 76	1 10	44	2 20	34 98
Hendley	15	70	3 30	4 50	3 75	3 00	3 00	2 25	1 05	75	1 20	75	30	1 50	26 05
Homer	35	70	3 50	10 50	8 75	7 00	7 00	5 25	2 45	1 75	2 80	1 75	70	3 50	55 65
Lewellen	30	6 60	3 00	9 00	7 50	6 00	6 00	4 50	2 10	1 50	2 40	1 50	60	3 00	47 70
Lincoln	163	6 38	30 34	61 09	70 75	52 60	32 60	43 17	11 41	14 15	18 04	8 15	3 26	16 30	368 24
McCool Junction	47	94	4 70	14 10	11 75	9 40	9 40	7 05	3 29	2 35	3 76	2 35	94	4 70	74 73
Nebraska City	112	2 24	11 20	33 60	28 00	22 40	22 40	16 80	7 84	5 60	8 96	5 60	2 24	11 20	178 08
North Platte	170	3 40	17 00	51 00	42 50	34 00	34 00	25 50	11 90	8 50	13 60	8 50	3 40	17 00	270 30
Omaha, Grace	128	2 56	12 80	38 40	32 00	25 60	25 60	19 20	8 96	6 40	10 24	6 40	2 56	12 80	203 52
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	391	7 82	39 10	117 30	97 75	78 20	78 20	58 65	27 37	19 55	31 28	19 55	7 82	39 10	621 69
Omaha, St. Mark's	112	2 24	11 20	33 60	28 00	22 40	22 40	16 80	7 84	5 60	8 96	5 60	2 24	11 20	178 08
Orleans	19	90	4 24	5 70	4 75	3 80	3 80	2 85	1 33	95	1 52	95	38	1 90	33 07
Oshkosh	19	38	1 90	5 70	4 75	3 80	3 80	2 85	1 33	95	1 52	95	38	1 90	30 21

Report of Committee on Apportionment.—*Concluded.*

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Per Member	....	$0 02	$0 10	$0 30	$0 25	$0 20	$0 20	$0 15	$0 07	$0 05	$0 08	$0 05	$0 02	$0 10	.....
Pawnee City	20	40	2 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	1 40	1 00	1 60	1 00	40	2 00	31 80
Paxton	64	1 28	6 40	19 20	16 00	12 80	12 80	9 60	4 48	3 20	5 12	3 20	1 28	6 40	101 76
Ponca	100	3 88	18 46	30 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	15 00	7 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	2 00	10 00	169 34
Potter	17	34	1 70	5 10	4 25	3 40	3 40	2 55	1 19	85	1 36	85	34	1 70	27 03
Rising City	56	1 22	5 60	16 80	14 00	11 20	11 20	8 40	3 92	2 80	4 48	2 80	1 12	5 60	89 04
Roca	14	28	1 40	4 20	3 50	2 80	2 80	2 10	98	70	1 12	70	28	1 40	22 26
Sidney	50	1 00	5 00	15 00	12 50	10 00	10 00	7 50	3 50	2 50	4 00	2 50	1 00	5 00	79 50
South Omaha	63	1 26	6 30	18 90	15 75	12 60	12 60	9 45	4 41	3 15	5 04	3 15	1 26	6 30	100 17
South Sioux City	18	36	1 80	5 40	4 50	3 60	3 60	2 70	1 26	90	1 44	90	36	1 80	28 62
Stamford	75	1 50	7 50	22 50	18 75	15 00	15 00	11 25	5 25	3 75	6 00	3 75	1 50	7 50	119 25
Stella	83	1 66	8 30	24 90	20 75	16 60	16 60	12 45	5 81	4 15	6 64	4 15	1 66	8 30	141 97
Surprise	28	56	2 80	8 40	7 00	5 60	5 60	4 20	1 96	1 40	2 24	1 40	56	2 80	44 52
Sutherland	44	88	4 40	13 20	11 00	8 80	8 80	6 60	3 08	2 20	3 52	2 20	88	4 40	69 96
Tekamah, Immanuel	34	68	3 40	10 20	8 50	6 80	6 80	5 10	2 38	1 70	2 72	1 70	68	3 40	54 06
Tekamah, Grace	30	1 20	5 70	9 00	7 50	6 00	6 00	4 50	2 10	1 50	2 40	1 50	60	3 00	51 00
Waverly	29	58	2 90	8 70	7 25	5 80	5 80	4 35	2 03	1 45	2 32	1 45	58	2 90	46 11
Wayne	90	3 70	9 00	27 00	22 50	18 00	18 00	13 50	6 30	4 50	7 20	4 50	1 80	9 00	145 00
West Point	160	3 20	16 00	48 00	40 00	32 00	32 00	24 00	11 20	8 00	12 80	8 00	3 20	16 00	254 40
Wilber	35	1 60	7 55	10 50	8 75	7 00	7 00	5 25	2 45	1 75	2 80	1 75	70	3 50	60 60
Wolbach	61	2 42	7 50	18 30	15 25	12 20	12 20	9 15	4 27	3 05	4 88	3 05	1 22	6 10	99 59
York	34	68	3 40	10 20	8 50	6 80	6 80	5 10	2 38	1 70	2 72	1 70	68	3 40	54 06
Yutan	14	28	1 40	4 20	3 50	2 80	2 80	2 10	98	70	1 12	70	28	1 40	22 26
Totals	 3223	79 94	360 77	979 09	835 75	664 60	644 60	502 17	225 61	167 15	262 84	161 15	64 46	322 30	5270 43

Respectfully submitted, 76 L. J. POWELL, C. R. LOWE, JOSEPH H. MILLER.

The report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home was read, and, after a general discussion, was adopted.

Report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home.

The work of Tabitha Home has made steady progress during the past year. Under the blessing of God, we believe, and the liberality of the Church. The remodeling of the orphanage was completed early in the fall of 1907. It stands at the northwest corner of the grounds and is well equipped for the care of about thirty children. The present policy of the Home contemplates placing of children into Christian families, rather than the maintenance of a large number of them in the orphanage at any one time. The granting of all the privileges of the public schools of Lincoln by the Superintendent and the Board of Education of Lincoln has obviated the necessity of employing teachers by the Home. We deem this a distinctive advantage both to the children themselves and to the treasury of the Home.

The remodeling of the main building has continued from the middle of October, 1907, almost to the present. The financial panic began very shortly after the work on the building was begun, and caused at times serious embarrassment. However, through the goodwill of the merchants of Lincoln in honoring the vouchers of our workmen it has been possible to continue the work, until on September 4th, 1908, we were permitted to dedicate the building under very encouraging circumstances. All the private rooms for patients in the hospital have been furnished or provided for principally by our churches or individuals. In addition to these the children's ward, obstetrical ward, and the reception room are fully provided for. Patients are now being received, and from present prospects the hospital will become self-supporting in a comparatively short time. The hospital has a normal capacity of about one hundred beds. It is capable of accommodating more than this number of patients with very little crowding. The aged people of the Home are now cared for in the rooms on the ground floor. These have likewise been thoroughly renovated. We have eighteen inmates in this department, and have had a large number of inquiries and applications for admission from various States, and almost all the leading denominations of the Church. There is evidently a wide field for service for a Home for Aged People on our territory wisely conducted. The health of all the inmates of the Home during the year has been excellent.

The present value of the property is conservatively placed at $70,000.00. The completion of the power house and other necessary additions, such as fire escapes, elevators and necessary sewer connection will increase this to at least $75,000.00.

The great need of the Home is, as it always has been, money. The needed improvements in order to carry out the plans of the Board have required a much larger expense than was originally contemplated. The strong, hearty

and continued support of all the friends of the Home will be needed to meet the various obligations incurred.

Larger gifts are also needed for general maintenance. Probably had there been no old debts to care for, and overdue interest to pay, the income for the years towards current expenses would have been sufficient. But the failure of many of the Synods to respond to the apportionment made by the General Synod and the pressure from creditors, have caused a deficit in current expenses also. In view of this situation the Board at its recent meeting took steps looking toward having the Synods owning the property apportion the original debt among themselves with the expectation that these will carry the interest on this debt until such a time as the principal can be paid.

The need of having a superintendent who is proficient in the German as well as in the English, led the Board to authorize the Executive Committee to seek out such a man for the office. The committee are now receiving nominations and hope to arrive at a satisfactory choice in the near future. The Board also authorized the continuance of the services rendered by the Rev. J. W. Ball as solicitor for the Home.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Resolved, That we approve the issuance of bonds by the Board of the Home for the refunding of the present indebtedness.

Resolved, That this Synod recommends the most rigid economy in expenditures until such time as the debt is materially reduced.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. PETERS,
J. H. HUMPE.

Moved that Rev. J. F. Seibert be instructed to complete the table started and used in his address last night, and that a page be given for the printing of the same in the minutes of Synod. (See page 30.)

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Auditing Committee submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer, and find them to correspond with his report submitted to this Synod. Further, we would recommend the adoption of the resolution offered in the Treasurer's Report. (See Report, page 11.)

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WOLFE,
M. L. WARNER,
LOUIS JOHNSON.

Lutherans in Nebraska.

Synod.	Language.	Pastors.	Congregations.	Confirmed Members.
General	English	49	47	4276
General	German	61	68	6386
Iowa	German	43	59	5972
Missouri	German	130	190	22143
Joint Ohio	German	8	10	1211
United Nebraska	German	15	17	4225
Augustana	Swedish	35	53	7106
United	Norwegian	2	6	350
Norwegians in America	Norwegian	6	21	750
Hauge	Norwegian	4	10	600
United	Danish	14	29	1150
Danish in America	Danish	8	17	1400
Independent Congregations	.....	.....	6	634
Total	.....	375	533	55713

Educational and Charitable Institutions.

Name.	Location.	Synod.	Property.	Students.	Inmates.
Dana College	Blair	United Danish	$50000 00	101	.....
Luther Academy	Wahoo	Augustana	61000 00	301	.....
Academy	Nysted	Dan. in America	6000 00	67	.....
Teachers' Sem'y	Seward	Missouri	40000 00	100	.....
Orphans' Home	Fremont	Missouri	35000 00	....	35
Orphans' Home	Omaha	Augustana	.....	....	22
Orphans' Home	Lincoln	General	5000 00	....	10
Home for the Aged	Lincoln	General	.....	....	18
Home for the Aged	Omaha	Augustana	.....	....	5
Hospital	Omaha	Augustana	89000 00	....	55 Beds.
Hospital	Lincoln	General	65000 00	....	100 Beds.

Rev. C. N. Swihart, a member of the Rocky Mountain Synod, was introduced and welcomed by our Synod.

The report of Committee on Excuses was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

Your committee would respectfully report:

Revs. W. F. Eyster, D. D., Prof. Samuel Aughey, D. D., J. G. Groenmiller, D. D., I. N. Augustine, G. W. Fraser, Luther M. Kuhns, W. L. Oberholtzer, W. G. Gettle, J. Philip Anshutz, David Z. Foulk, A. E. Deitz, B. Sickel, J. A. Koser, H. Heiner, and Brother Matt. Meyer request that Synod excuse their absence from this convention. Inasmuch as their absence is enforced and not voluntary, we recommend that they be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. KUNKELMAN,
A. TOWNER,
R. M. BADGER.

Adjourned, with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of Committee on Minutes of South Platte Conference was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of South Platte Conference.

The Conference met the first week of May, at Stella, Neb., Rev. Fred R. Shirck, pastor. The sessions were well attended. Practical subjects were discussed during the day, and helpful services were held in the evening. Nothing special demands the attention of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. KISTLER,
W. C. HEIDENREICH,
G. KLATT.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of North Platte Conference was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of North Platte Conference.

Your Committee on the Minutes of North Platte Conference find that the Conference was held regularly at Benson, with a fair attendance. The names

of Bros. S. R. Elson and W. C. Eckert, who in their absence sent no word to the Conference, are referred to Synod for action by that body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. HAMMOND,
C. R. LOWE,
L. J. POWELL.

On motion, the Secretary of Synod was instructed to write to S. R. Elson requesting the surrender of his ordination papers.

The report of the Committee on Letters and Papers was considered *seriatim*, and as a whole.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

There have been placed in our hands the following papers:

1. A letter from L. H. Kelsey, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Midland College, stating that the constitution of the college has been amended in Article III. to the effect that the Board of Trustees shall consist of 24 members, whose term of office shall be for three years, and they shall be elected as follows: By the Board of Trustees, 10; by the English Synod of Nebraska, 3; by the German Synod of Nebraska, 3; by the Synod of Kansas, 3; by the Rocky Mountain Synod, 2; by the Alumni Association of Midland College, 3.

One-half of the ten elected by the Board of Trustees of Midland College and all of those elected by the several Synods shall always be members in good and regular standing in churches connected with Synods connected with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America. The term of office shall expire one-third each year.

The name of Rev. J. A. Lowe, Trustee elected by the Board, was, by action of the Board, transferred to the list of Trustees elected by the Nebraska Synod.

Your committee recommend that Synod endorse the action of the Board of Trustees.

2. Two letters, from Rev. Frederick G. Gotwald, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education, and Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., President of the Western Theological Seminary.

Your committee recommend:

First. The reading of both these letters before Synod.

Second. That Synod approve the action of the Board of Education in the purchase of the Ingals property at Atchison, Kan., for the temporary use of the Western Theological Seminary, and assure the Board of our most cordial co-operation in all their educational work.

Third. That an effort be made in accordance with Dr. Altman's suggestion

to raise at this time $75.00 to furnish a room in the name of the Nebraska Synod in the property purchased in Atchison.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LOWE,
M. L. MELICK,
C. J. RINGER.

A few moments were taken to receive subscriptions, and the required amount was raised.

The committee in regard to the ordination of Mr. Briggs reported, and their report was adopted.

Report of Committee on the Ordination of Mr. Briggs.

Your committee appointed to confer by telephone with Rev. H. A. Ott, D. D., with reference to the licensing of Arland R. Briggs by the Kansas, and with Mr. Briggs concerning his ordination by this Synod, would report that they have attended to the duties assigned. Dr. Ott states that the Kansas Synod does not expect to license Mr. Briggs, and the latter says that he will gladly apply to this Synod for ordination should the Board of Foreign Missions approve of his ordination at this time. Your committee would recommend the matter of ordaining Mr. Briggs at his home (West Point) church by the President of Synod, should he so desire, the matter to be referred to the Examining Committee.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN F. SEIBERT.

The time had arrived for the hearing of Rev. Charles E. Hay, D. D., Secretary of the Deaconess Board, Baltimore, Md., in the interest of his work.

On motion, Rev. E. C. Harris, returned missionary from India, was given the floor in the interest of our mission work in that place.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies was read *seriatim*, and adopted as altered.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

The committee have been somewhat handicapped in the making of a full report by the failure to receive reports from the various schools. The committee have received 18 reports out of a possible 47, which, of course, makes it impossible to make a satisfactory summary. The reports of the Young People's Societies indicate that less than half of our congregations have societies. From other sources we have found that there are 47 schools, 43 of which have reported, showing an enrollment of 4318, which is less than that of 1907, a fact due to the missing reports. In the financial work of the Church

we see a loyalty which is commendable. The Sunday schools have given 57 cents per capita for local support, and 22 cents for benevolence, while the Young People's Societies have given $1.02 for local expenses and 24 cents for benevolence, thereby indicating that these two departments of our Church have contributed 21 per cent. of the benevolence.

The committee have arranged for a special meeting on Sunday afternoon, at which time there will be a presentation and discussion of Sunday school methods along all lines.

The committee would recommend the following:

1. That every pastor make an effort to attain the aim expressed in previous reports, namely, every baptized member of the Lutheran Church in some department of the Sunday school.

2. That there be a definite time at each convention of Synod which shall be set apart for the consideration of the problems relating to our Sunday schools and Young People's Societies.

3. That our Sunday schools make a special effort to be represented at our county and State conventions, and that as far as possible our pastors aim to be present also.

4. That our pastors pay especial attention to the adult teacher-training and elementary departments, so as to bring our schools up in every way to the international standard.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. B. LEWIS,
R. W. LIVERS,
ROY MAREEN BADGER,
E. H. COMBS.

On motion, the subject of Sunday schools and Young People's Societies be referred to the Calendar Committee.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. F. R. Shirck.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 8.15 O'CLOCK.

An address was delivered by Rev. H. A. Wolfe, on the subject, "Church Extension;" Rev. C. H. B. Harris, returned missionary from India, spoke of some of the needs of our work there; and Rev. L. Groh, D. D., spoke on the subject of "Foreign Missions."

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

After a half-hour devotional service, Synod opened with prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Examining Committee reported.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your committee have examined for ordination Mr. George N. Mendenhall in the required subjects. We find his answers in all of them very satisfactory, and therefore we recommend him for ordination.

We had a short colloquium with Rev. N. P. Grose, and find him well grounded in Lutheran teaching. His testimonials are very strong and satisfactory. We recommend that he be received into full membership into this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
M. L. KUNKELMAN,
R. A. WHITE,
J L. HAMMOND,
J. W. BALL.

On motion, Bro. N. P. Grose be formally received at once.

Rev. N. P. Grose upon publicly expressing his faith in the canonical Scriptures as exhibited in the Augsburg Confession and his willingness to subscribe to the same, was extended the right hand of fellowship and formally received as a member of this Synod.

The Fraternal Delegate to the German Nebraska Synod of 1907 reported.

Report of Delegate to German Nebraska Synod.

Your fraternal delegate elected last year to the German Nebraska Synod would report that he visited that body in session at Bloomfield, Neb., and presented the greetings of this body, which were heartily received and reciprocated.

Said body manifested a deep fraternal spirit, and willingness to co-operate with this body along all lines of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. RINGER.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your committee would report that 12,000 envelopes were distributed at the beginning of the last Synodical year, and, we believe, were generally used by our churches with good results.

While some of the churches have not come up to the standard on the apportionment, yet the total benevolence of Synod exceeds that of last year.

Your committee recommends a continuance of the systematic effort on the part of the pastors, and that we make suitable provision to supply envelopes for the coming year, also adopt the blue excess envelope which is being introduced in several of the Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. RINGER,
J. H. MILLER
E. H. COMBS.

The Obituary Committee reported.

Report of Obituary Committee.

During the Synodical year death has come into some of our families and claimed the following persons: Harry L. Kunkelman, son of Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D., who died at his home, near Auburn; Emery C. Lowe, son of Rev. J. A. Lowe, died in the Philippine Islands, where he had served several years as teacher; and Mrs. W. F. Poot, wife of Rev. W. F. Poot, LL. D., died in her home at Tekamah.

Resolved, That the sympathy of the Synod be extended to the bereaved families, and that they be directed to the great source of comfort, the grace of our blessed heavenly Father.

Resolved, That this resolution be adopted by a standing vote, while we repeat together the 23d Psalm, and follow with prayer, led by the President of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. LIPE,
R. A. WHITE,
G. KLATT.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Inasmuch as fifty years have transpired since the beginnings of our work in this State were laid, a work which under the divine blessing has resulted in

the formation of two Synods, whose activities have extended far beyond the borders of the State, be it

Resolved, That a suitable commemoration of this important anniversary be held at the next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That unto this end the Historian of the Synod be requested to advance the completion of the history as rapidly as accuracy and the finances of the Synod will permit.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, who shall arrange a suitable program for the anniversary session of the Synod, and shall aid in every possible way in making this an anniversary year long to be remembered in the general activities of the Synod, as well as in the anniversary program.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the representatives of the Boards of Home Missions, Church Extension, Education, Deaconess Work, Tabitha Home, Nachusa Orphanage, and Midland College. We pledge our continued support to all these worthy institutions of the Church.

Resolved, That the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society be given the privilege of printing their Minutes with the Synodical Minutes, and that nine hundred copies of the Minutes be printed, a sufficient number of which shall be placed at the disposal of the Synodical Missionary Society.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Synod be extended to Rev. Roy M. Badger and pastorate, for the splendid manner in which they have entertained this convention of Synod, and that the President of Synod express the same at the Sunday evening session.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BALL,
FRED ROSS SHIRCK,
M. F. TROXELL.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That since important steps are being taken by the State of Nebraska to better regulate the liquor traffic, we, the pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, heartily favor the county option movement, and will encourage its support in every way in our respective congregations.

Adopted.

Resolved, That we reaffirm our previous deliverance, in regard to legislation proposed by the State Board of Charities and Corrections, which, if it becomes a law, would seriously effect the workings of our private charitable institutions. We wish to go on record as being opposed to State domination or dictation of any part of our State work.

Resolved, That the representatives of our Tabitha Home be requested to call

this action to the attention of the legislature during the coming winter, in case such legislation is again attempted.

Adopted.

On motion, a committee be appointed to examine the Protocol. Rev. E. H. Combs and Rev. F. L. Gunderman were appointed.

On motion, the Trustee to the Nachusa Orphanage be elected. Rev. J. E. Hummon was elected.

The resignation of Rev. J. E. Hummon as a Director was read, and by motion, was laid on the table until 1910.

Dr. A. T. Peters and Mr. J. H. Humpe were elected Trustees of the Tabitha Home for one year.

The following clerical delegates to General Synod were elected:

CLERICAL.

Primarii.

Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., Atchison, Kan.
Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Lincoln, Neb.
Rev. George W. Livers, Benedict, Neb.
Rev. R. M. Badger, Hardy, Neb.
Rev. E. H. Combs, Potter, Neb.

Secundi.

Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Davenport, Neb.
Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, 1313 F Street, Lincoln, Neb.
Rev. C. J. Ringer, Wayne, Neb.
Rev. L. J. Powell, Sutherland, Neb.
Rev. L. L. Lipe, Grand Island.

The election of lay delegates to the General Synod resulted as follows:

LAY DELEGATES.

Primarii.

J. H. Humpe, Lincoln, Neb.
M. L. Warner, Stromsberg, Neb.

Henry Harman, Hardy, Neb.
Joseph H. Miller, M. D., Surprise, Neb.
J. F. Wilhelmy, Lincoln, Neb.

Secundi.

Jacob Gehrig.
William Ebright.
John Weimer.
A. L. Krous.
H. P. Smith.

Adjourned, with prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. F. Hammond.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

On motion, the President of Synod be instructed to write to Bro. J. Zimmerman, conveying the best wishes and sympathy of this body in his sickness.

South Auburn was selected as the next place of meeting.

The report of the Committee on Vacancies was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

According to the President's Report, the churches at Beatrice, Roca, Pawnee, Tekamah, Grace Church, Burt County, West Point, and Wilber are vacant. To this number Homer and Sioux City will be added at the end of this month. Several of these charges are in touch with men that will possibly result in pastoral relationship, but if so it will only mean other vacancies. The scarcity of men and the limited support of these fields make it difficult for them to secure pastors, and render it absolutely necessary for them to effect any combination possible and receive such service as can be secured.

Your committee would recommend, first, that Tekamah and Grace Church, in the country, reunite in the calling of a pastor, and that the President of Synod use his good offices to this end. Second, that the Pawnee and Zion, Pawnee, be urged jointly to call a pastor, each congregation stating definitely the amounts to be paid towards his support; and that Rev. Shirck be asked

by the President of Synod to spend a Sunday at the earliest possible date, and, if necessary, the following week with these people, assisting them in securing subscriptions, and getting the charge in readiness to extend such a call. Further, that until such arrangement can be completed the charge be supplied from the Western Seminary, Synod co-operating, if necessary, in meeting the expense incurred.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SEIBERT,
M. L. MELICK,
L. P. LUDDEN.

The report of the Committee on Claims was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Claims.

Your committee would report that the following claims have been presented for payment:

J. A. Koser, stationery and postage	$2 54
M. L. Melick, stationery and postage	6 56
C. J. Ringer, stationery and postage	1 00
Joseph H. Miller, stationery and postage	9 85
Joseph H. Miller, salary	5 00
J. A. Lowe	21 78
C. H. B. Lewis, postage and supplies	95
J. F. Seibert, Trustee to Midland College, less the supply at Pawnee City	11 00
R. M. Badger, telephone	2 15
J. E. Hummon, Trustee to Midland College	6 40
G. W. Livers	4 95
W. C. Heidenreich, fraternal delegate	2 25
Total	$74 43

The committee recommend that these bills be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the several amounts.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WOLFE,
M. L. WARNER,
H. A. GARMAN.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

With only a few exceptions, reports on the state of the church have been submitted from all the churches of our Synod. These reports, though necessarily brief, show, in the main, thoughtful and conscientious preparation by the respective pastors. In a few of these reports there is given an equal mixture of features encouraging and discouraging, while in the larger number all phases of work seem to be moving on with reasonable satisfaction in the estimation of the pastors. All in all, as indicated by these summary statements, the spirituality, activity and faithfulness of our membership during the past year have surpassed the average of recent years.

This pleasing fact is due largely, we believe, to the increasing consecration to their work on the part of the pastors and their conservatively progressive methods, which latter course is the only safe and sure one to pursue.

And it is particularly gratifying that the characteristic temper of our Lutheran people in general prompts them to confidence in such leadership to whom they gladly give their loyal and loving co-operation.

As a rule, attendance upon the Lord's Supper is regularly observed by the majority of the communicant members, while parents more and more discharge their obligations to their little ones by presenting them to the Lord for baptism. There is good reason to believe that parents are constantly increasing in their appreciation of the excellent Lutheran custom of catechisation of the young people, but it is advisable that many of these parents should be impressed with the importance of encouraging both by precept and example, fidelity to their Christian vows on the part of their confirmed children. It is a sad fact that scores of our confirmed young people seem to think their Christian obligations have been fulfilled and wholly completed with the solemn rite of confirmation.

Our Sunday school and Young People's Societies are thoroughly well organized, and in the main, are doing splendid work. Missionary activity is commendable on the part of the Woman's Societies and other organizations of the different churches.

Several of the churches which formerly have raised their apportionment year by year have this year failed to raise their full quota, chiefly because they have been without pastors the greater portion of the Synodical year.

It is evident that the faithful sowing of the good seed of the kingdom this year has resulted in a bounteous harvest already, while still richer harvests will be reaped as the reward for still greater zeal in sowing in the coming years. "It is required of a servant that he be faithful."

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. LIPE,
WM. SIEVERS,
R. A. WHITE.

The report of the Fraternal Delegate to the German Nebraska Synod for this year was read and adopted.

Report of Fraternal Delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

Your delegate attended the German Nebraska Synod, which met in Glenville, Neb., Rev. K. Goede, pastor, September 9th to 13th, 1908, and was kindly received. He performed his duty in extending the greetings of Synod. Great interest was shown by the brethren in the work of the Master.

The fraternal delegate elected to represent the German Nebraska Synod desired to be present at his own Synodical meeting, and so desired to be excused from attending.

The following communication was presented to be read before this Synod:

GLENVILLE, NEB., SEPTEMBER 11th, 1908.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, in session at Hardy, Nebraska:—The German Synod of Nebraska offers to the Nebraska Synod, their heartiest congratulations for its Thirty-sixth Annual Convention.

G. F. MILLER, *President.*
K. GOEDE, *Secretary.*

Recess was taken for the Preparatory Services, conducted by the President of Synod, Rev. B. F. Kistler, preaching the sermon.

After recess of one hour, Synod again resumed business.

The Calendar Committee gave its report and it was adopted. (See page 2.)

The report of the Special Committee on Protocol was read and adopted.

Report of Special Committee on Protocol.

We have examined the minutes of the Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of the Nebraska Synod, as transcribed in the Protocol, and compared them with the Secretary's manuscript made at the Synod. We find the work carefully and properly done.

Respectfully submitted, E. H. COMBS,
L. F. GUNDERMAN.

On motion, Rev. C. H. B. Lewis was elected fraternal delegate to the German Nebraska Synod for 1909.

Moved to entrust the matter of communicant and confirmed membership to a committee of three to report one year hence, after a thorough consideration and opportunity given to correspond with other Synodical officers on the matter.

Resolution.

WHEREAS, In the States North and Northwest of Nebraska, we have to-day working as special missionaries some of our General Synod Lutheran ministers, therefore be it

Resolved, That our Advisory Board of Home Missions be instructed to correspond with the Rev. C. Luther McConnell, D. D., of Devil's Lake, N. D.

1. Asking to transfer his membership to our Synod.

2. Asking if it is not possible to bring his frontier Home Mission work into our Synodical connection.

3. That they correspond with Rev. J. Philip Anshutz, of White Sulphur Springs, Mont., to see if it is not possible to bring his frontier Home Mission work into our Synodical connection.

Carried.

Dr. Ludden urged a larger subscription for *Lutheran Woman's Work* and *Lutheran Church Work*.

Moved and carried, that this body finish raising the sum of one hundred dollars for the furnishing of a room in the Western Theological Seminary, that the amount over $75.00 to be given for a Nebraska Synod memorial window in the Barnitz Memorial Church, in Denver, Bro. J. E. Hummon to take up the matter at the evening service.

Rev. J. A. Lowe, pastor at Hardy in an early day, gave a very interesting and inspiring address filled with pleasant reminiscences of local historical interest. The experiences of pioneer pastors should make men of the present day happy with their lot.

The minutes of the present session were read and approved.

Moved that at the close of the Sunday evening services this convention of Synod be declared adjourned to meet in South Auburn, Neb., September 22d, 1909.

Adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. G. W. Livers.

EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8.15 P. M.

The address prepared by Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., was delivered by Rev. L. L. Lipe.

At the close of the address, Dr. Ludden presented the need of the Synod for a few dollars to raise the required sum for the Western Theological Seminary and the Barnitz Memorial, and subscriptions were received.

After the close of the evening service, Synod was called to order for a few moments to consider some matters which appealed to Synod.

Moved and carried, that the Secretary telegraph Rev. I. P. Zimmerman, Milton, Pa., requesting him to present the baptismal font to our York mission.

Moved and carried, that any excess over the $75.00 for the furnishing of a room for the Western Theological Seminary building and the $25.00 for a memorial window in the Barnitz Memorial church in Denver, be applied to our mission at York.

Adjourned, with prayer.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

10 A. M.

Revs. J. A. Lowe, J. L. Hammond and C. J. Ringer conducted the services at the Jewell Church. Revs. Fred R. Shirck and L. F. Gunderman addressed the Sunday school at St. Paul's, Mrs. R. A. White speaking to the children in the primary department.

11 A. M.

The communion sermon was delivered by Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D., after which the Lord's Supper was celebrated by the members of Synod and congregation.

3 P. M.

A round table session on Sunday schools and Young People's Societies, was conducted by Rev. Chas. H. B. Lewis.

8.15 P. M.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Hummon, from the text, Isa. l. 7, after which the officers of Synod, assisted by the members of Synod, set apart, in accordance with the usages and practices of the General Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church, by the rite of ordination, George N. Mendenhall.

G. W. LIVERS,
Secretary.

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M. L. Kunkelman	Auburn	St. Paul's	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	4	3	..	70	88	110	$6000 00	.....	$900 00	$100 00	1
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G. W. Livers	Benedict	Zion	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	..	..	1	..	68	77	77	4000 00	.....	819 00	.....	3
		Bethel	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	28	31	31	2000 00	.....	298 54	.....	4
B. F. Kistler	Benson	First	1	..	1	..	30	..	..	3	..	9	23	2	7	90	90	95	4350 00	$1050 00	575 00	3355 45	5
W. S. Oberholtzer	Dakota City	Emmanuel	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	21	52	75	1850 00	.....	180 00	175 00	6
		Salem	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	86	132	4620 00	.....	674 00	.....	7
H. A. Wolfe	Davenport	Christ	1	1	1	..	12	..	..	..	2	3	10	7	..	75	116	125	3500 00	.....	775 00	115 00	8
Vacant	Ericson	First	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	17	27	1200 00	182 00	7 90	.....	9
*Luther L. Lipe	Grand Island	St. Paul's	1	..	2	1	22	2	3	71	27	3	19	..	..	142	231	400	11000 00	700 00	1250 00	.....	10
Roy Mareen Badger	Hardy	St. Paul's	1	..	2	1	..	2	1	..	9	..	..	1	..	75	86	106	10000 00	.....	906 65	.....	11
		Jewell	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	22	28	30	2000 00	.....	202 59	.....	12
Elmer H. Combs	Homer	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	12	1	..	..	5	3	4	3	..	35	54	84	2800 00	125 75	316 80	50 75	13
	South Sioux City	Grace	1	..	1	..	12	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	18	39	59	2100 00	15 00	220 00	35 00	14
Charles H. B. Lewis	Lincoln	Grace	1	1	2	..	15	..	3	102	3	9	8	2	9	163	179	219	16000 00	3100 00	1743 62	300 00	15
George N. Mendenhall	McCool Junction	First	1	..	..	..	10	..	..	10	2	..	6	..	..	50	103	129	4000 00	.....	474 00	40 00	16
J. A. Koser	Nebraska City	First	1	..	2	..	35	..	3	4	6	5	10	2	..	112	140	171	3000 00	.....	1232 58	110 00	17
John F. Seibert	North Platte	First	1	..	2	..	14	3	4	11	22	2	8	8	..	170	245	350	13500 00	2700 00	1475 00	530 00	18
John E Hummon	Omaha	Kountze Memorial	1	1	2	..	33	3	20	..	18	7	31	24	5	391	524	731	150000 00	4800 00	4460 15	715 14	19
M. L. Melick	Omaha	Grace	1	..	2	..	29	..	5	7	9	4	12	1	1	128	157	175	12000 00	3500 00	1225 03	23 95	20
L. Groh	Omaha	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	17	1	9	8	15	2	15	7	..	112	145	185	15000 00	3000 00	1420 00	1150 00	21
Wm. C. Heidenreich	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	19	21	30	.....	.....	230 00	.....	22
	Lewellen	Grace	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	30	30	47	.....	.....	210 00	.....	23

* Rev. Kahse nine months and present pastor one month.

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Index Number.	Number of Stated Supplies.	Number of Ministers without Charge.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			Y. P. SOCIETIES.		DUES.	BENEVOLENCE.																Grand Total.
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12	1		10	93	24 00			44	6 69	5 55	4 75	4 75	2 64		1 60	1 10	1 76	1 10	2 43	2 30	87 11	239 70
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Vacant	Pawnee	First	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	39	56	$2500 00	.....	.....	.....	
		Zion	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	20	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	
L. J. Powell	Paxton	Holy Trinity	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	1	..	4	1	4	64	73	112	2775 00	$240 00	$329 00	$2425 60	
	Sutherland	Grace	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	4	44	48	92	2800 00	770 00	300 00	1680 55	
A. E. Deitz	Ponca	Salem	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	100	147	10000 00	.....	75 00	.....	
Paul H. Heisey, supply	Potter	Potter	1	2	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	2	15	..	..	17	17	17	3000 00	600 00	.....	.....	
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C. R. Lowe	Rising City	First	1	..	1	..	10	..	1	1	7	..	..	..	4	56	76	87	6000 00	.....	577 15	475 00	
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L. F. Gunderman	Sidney	Trinity	1	..	1	..	17	..	1	1	7	..	8	3	2	50	84	138	5500 00	.....	811 74	280 85	
		St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	22	42	.....	.....	29 59	.....	
Ralph W. Livers	South Omaha	First	1	..	1	..	37	1	..	..	22	8	20	2	12	63	98	159	.....	.....	603 50	.....	
Gustav Klatt	Stamford	Trinity	1	1	..	..	5	2	..	8	1	..	4	..	..	78	112	200	2800 00	.....	600 00	.....	
	Hendley	Christ	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	15	25	50	.....	.....	100 00	.....	
	Orleans	St. Paul's	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	19	30	34	.....	.....	120 00	.....	
Fred Ross Shirck	Stella	Trinity	1	1	1	..	11	1	2	..	6	..	7	6	..	83	103	99	5000 00	.....	647 98	495 15	
Vacant	Tekamah	Emmanuel	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	34	39	49	3500 00	.....	420 00	.....	
		Grace	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	34	37	2250 00	.....	.....	.....	
J. L. Hammond	Waverly	Trinity	1	..	1	..	5	..	2	4	..	..	..	1	..	29	50	51	2700 00	35 00	350 00	135 00	
	Yutan	Zion	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	14	14	2600 00	.....	346 11	.....	
C. J. Ringer	Wayne	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	11	..	..	12	24	1	10	..	3	98	126	180	8000 00	.....	618 00	.....	
*Vacant	West Point	Grace	1	..	1	..	13	2	5	10	12	4	13	2	..	160	200	297	8500 00	1900 00	1500 00	.....	
Vacant	Wilber	First	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	67	89	3500 00	.....	.....	.....	

* L. L. Lipe pastor ten months.

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									$0 52	$2 34	$7 80	$6 50	$5 20	$5 20	$3 12	.....	$1 82	$1 30	$2 08	$1 30	$0 52	$2 60	$40 30	$40 30
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2	14	55	25 00	21 95	....	.....	.....	84	3 78	14 58	10 50	8 40	8 40	5 04	.....	2 94	2 10	3 36	2 10	14 09	4 20	80 33	2040 88
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1	15	129	49 23	32 15	35	5 00	.....	90	5 05	13 50	11 25	9 00	9 00	5 40	1 75	3 15	2 67	3 60	2 25	12 00	4 50	84 02	1176 61
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PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.—*Continued.*

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MINUTES of the Twenty-Eighth
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

SYNOD OF NEBRASKA.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska opened Tuesday evening, September 8th, 1908, in St. Paul's Church, Hardy, Neb., with praise service.

Mrs. Badger spoke kindest words of welcome.

Mrs. Seibert voiced the sentiments of all the delegates present in her response.

Anthem by choir.

Credentials were received and roll formed.

Officers.

President—Mrs. J. A. Lowe.
Vice-President—Miss Matie Martin.
Recording Secretary—Miss Maude C. Martin.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.
Treasurer—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.
Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Delegates.

Beatrice—Mrs. H. W. Bartling.
Dakota—Emmanuel—Miss Elizabeth Haase.

Davenport—Miss Grossman.
Lincoln—Miss Alice Humpe.
North Platte—Mrs. J. F. Seibert.
Omaha—Kountze Memorial—Mrs. Oleva Kuehns.
Rising City—Mrs. Charles R. Lowe.
Roca—Miss Matie Martin.
York—Mrs. R. A. White.
Yutan—Miss Lydia Bender.

Young People's Society.

Nebraska City—Miss Mabel Sanquest, Miss Mary Johnson.

Visitors' Roll.

Mrs. Heidenreich, Oshkosh; Mrs. Wolfe, Davenport; Mrs. Johnson, Ericson; Rev. Luther P. Ludden, D. D., Lincoln; Rev. J. F. Seibert, North Platte; Rev. Louis Gunderman, Sidney; Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Rodgers, Hardy; Mr. Paul Heisey, Atchison; Rev. J. A. Lowe, Beatrice; Rev. Wilson, Hardy; Rev. G. W. Livers, Benedict; Rev. White, York; Rev. Hummon, Omaha; Mrs. Fair, Hardy; Rev. Gustav Klatt, Stamford; Mr. Lee, Hardy; Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Wymore, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Cramer, Misses Lulu Lee, Helen Fair, Cramer Fair, Hardy; Rev. Charles R. Lowe, Rising City; Mr. Garman, Hardy; Rev. Lewis, Lincoln.

President's Report.

TO THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

GREETING: Dearly beloved co-workers in the kingdom of Christ. We have enjoyed another year of grace and favor from God, whom we love and serve. And we feel that His blessing has been beyond anything done or deserved, the full and unmerited gift of His love.

Our feeble efforts of service are expressions of gratitude for His goodness and redemption at the price of His own precious blood. To me there is an unspeakable added pleasure in holding our convention at Hardy, for it is the church of our first love and labor.

Here we felt the most intense flame. Here we met the greatest difficulties and made the greatest sacrifices in our life, and here we formed some friendships that have never grown dim through all our wandering and forming new ones. One of the precious things of our Christian work is that our true love

never dies; begotten in days of hardship and sanctified by the Holy Spirit it defies time, eludes the keen sickle of the reaper Death, and will continue to grow forever and ever. It is one necklace of jewels we take with us in spite of the saying that "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

The memory of those days of feeble beginnings here in Hardy has always nestled warmly in our hearts, and we have watched with unflagging interest her life and growth, rejoicing most of all in the erection of this new and costly house of worship, the embodiment of Christian devotion and benevolence. We were with you here when there was nothing in Hardy but the prairie grass, and now again in this house of the Lord. How helpful it is to look back over a longer stretch of time. Often we are discouraged with the day's toil and cast down in spirit. Let us gather courage by looking back to the whole strength of the Lutheran Church in America, in those days about 200,000, now enlarged above 6,000,000, and let us feel that to-day, however common or poor its work may seem, it is nevertheless one day in the grand march forward to things more glorious than is yet revealed to us, when Zion shall put on her strength and Jerusalem be clothed in her beauty.

In this great and general stream of progress the Nebraska society should especially rejoice during this convention in the accomplishment of endowing a bed in our India Hospital. It was with some fear, but with humble trust in God we undertook to raise $1,000.00 for this purpose three years ago. It is a lasting monument to your faith and energy, and certainly must stand in the midst of heathenism as a living witness that Christ Himself, the Good Samaritan, has imparted to us also something of the pitying and helpful spirit that was in Him. With it must ever go our sincere prayers for the spiritual and physical healing and the uplift of all men to the life that is hid with Christ in God.

And may we not hope that this and much other similar work by our hands may be remembered when we seek to enter when the Master will say to them on His right hand, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was sick, and ye visited me." How soon, alas, we shall lay down our work! Let us to-day take courage and renew our strength to work while it is day, to rejoice and be strong, to serve the present age and glorify Him who loved us and bought us with His own precious blood and made us a royal priesthood unto God forever.

The number of new auxiliary societies the past year is not what we had hoped to report. Two—a Young People's Missionary Society at Nebraska City and Paxton. We cordially welcome these young friends as co-workers, praying that we may do each other good. Our auxiliary societies have increased in new members to the number of 50—not great, but a healthy growth. Many encouraging letters have been received by me the past year, showing great advance in interest. They spoke encouragingly of the *Luth-*

eran Woman's Work, the Mission Study, and monthly tracts, each a great help in itself.

Those in the Nebraska society since its beginning are taking new courage, and they believe that soon many more will see the privilege offered them and seek to enroll with this great army.

How welcome we shall make them when they join our ranks!

Again we have come into annual convention, where we have the privilege of exchanging views and listening to the representatives of our Boards on the Home field. Let delegates and all take notes from these representatives. Be prepared to quicken your local societies with these notes, and may your prayers and alms ascend as a sweet incense unto God. We have given largely to Foreign work the past three years. May we not now look to our own home-land needs? My heart was made glad on receipt of kind words from pastors who have no auxiliary societies. They wished us God's blessing in in our work and said they would gladly distribute our programs.

Thank you, brethren. You have largely the molding of your congregations. When you lead in the missionary organizations many of your faithful members will consecrate themselves to this branch of work in our beloved Lutheran Church, and missionary interest will grow. We pray for the Spirit of Christ to mold and fashion the character of His people. May we bury self that Christ's work may not be hindered.

Delegates and friends, let your prayer constantly be during this convention, Not as I wish or will, but as He would have it to be.

Again I wish to thank the Missionary Society for the kind courtesy shown me during the three years that I have served you as President.

My service has been poor enough, yet I have tried to be faithful to duty. It has been a happy service to me. I return the office to you and pray that you may always be guided by Christ, whose we are, in this labor of love.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. A. LOWE.

Offering, $4.18.

Doxology.

Benediction by Rev. J. A. Lowe, Beatrice.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional meeting, Miss Lydia Bender.

Reports of Officers, Standing Committees and Department Secretaries received and referred to committees.

Solo, Rev. Roy M. Badger.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., presented greetings from the

Board of Home Missions and paid tribute to the women for their work, urging them to redoubled efforts, especially in California, their acknowledged field.

Announcement of committees:

Committee on President's Report—Mrs. J. F. Seibert, Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Executive Committee—Mrs. R. M. Badger, Mrs. Seibert.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Matie Martin.

Treasurer's Report—Mrs. Oleva Kuehns, Mrs. H. W. Bartling.

Standing Committees' Reports—Miss Alice Humpe, Miss Mary Johnson.

Department Secretaries' Reports—Miss Mabel Sanquest, Mrs. R. A. White.

Resolutions—Mrs. Charles R. Lowe, Miss Grossman.

Letters and Papers—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Reporter to City Papers—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Reporter to Lutheran World—Miss Matie Martin.

Reporter to Lutheran Observer—Miss Haase.

Reporter to Lutheran Woman's Work—Mrs. R. A. White.

Benediction, Rev. J. A. Lowe.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Hymn, "I love Thy kingdom, Lord."

Prayer, Miss Sarah Grossman Davenport.

Minutes read and approved.

In response to roll-call, each delegate told what her society had done during the past year. It was interesting and helpful.

Hymn, "I would not live without Him."

"A Missionary Society in Every Congregation," open parliament conducted by Mrs. Mostert. Rev. J. A. Lowe, Dr. L. P. Ludden and Rev. J. F. Seibert spoke of the advantages of having the societies.

Children's Hour, Mrs. R. A. White presiding.

Symposium on Practical Plans: 1. How to Organize a Mis-

sion Band, Mrs. C. R. Lowe. 2. How to Conduct a Meeting, Miss Kunkelman. 3. How to Develop Leaders, Mrs. H. W. Bartling. 4. How to Prepare and Present a Lesson. Mrs. R. A. White gave a practical demonstration of the object-lesson, the children being present.

Solo, Rev. Charles R. Lowe.

Offering, $2.78.

Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds."

Benediction, Rev. Lowe.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional meeting, Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Roll-call.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Executive Committee.

Your Executive Committee has held two meetings since last convention.

First meeting was held immediately after convention at Grand Island, September 13th, 1907, Mrs. J. A. Lowe, Misses Haase, Bender and Martin being present. All bills presented were allowed. Following motions were passed:

That $5.00 for Miss Ellen B. Schuff be taken from Anniversary Fund.

That $5.00 from Anniversary Fund be apportioned to General Fund in recognition of Mrs. Beegle's work in the State.

That collections be placed in Synodical Fee.

That another effort be made regarding expenses of delegate to General Convention.

That envelopes only be printed.

Second meeting was held at the home of Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Lincoln, June 15th, 1908, all officers present. After reports of officers, which were quite favorable, the program for convention was arranged. On motion, it was decided that it be placed before convention whether we have Nominating Committee in elections.

Respectfully submitted, MAUDE C. MARTIN,
Secretary.

Received and referred to committee.

SYNODICAL SOCIETIES. WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.	Quarters Reported.	Organized.	PRESIDENTS.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	MEMBERS. Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Home Department.	Total.	TIME OF MEETINGS.	Number of Meetings.	Lath. Woman's Work.	King's Message.
1. Beatrice	1, 2, 3, 4	1892	Mrs. E. P. Mumford	Mrs. M. A. Mostert	22	..	46	..	2	68	1st Thursday	12	6	....
2. Benson	1, 2, 3, 4	1907	Mrs. K. Liljenstople	Mrs. B. F. Kistler	22	..	..	..	....	22	2d Wednesday	....	2	....
3. Dakota City, Emmanuel	1, 2, 3, 4	1891	Mrs. George Neibuler	Mrs. Louis Dierking	13	3	..	3	2	16	1st Thursday	12	8	..
4. Dakota City, Salem	1, 2, 3	1901	Mrs. S. A. Breidenbaugh	Mrs. William Armour	20	..	..	..	....	20	1st Friday	....	6	....
5. Davenport	1, 2, 3, 4	1907	Mrs. H. A. Wolfe	Miss Sarah J. Grossman	8	1	..	..	....	9	1st Tuesday	10	3	....
6. Grand Island	1, 2, 4	1906	Mrs. I. N. Augustine	Miss Bertha Lederman	11	..	..	..	....	11	3d Tuesday	9	20	....
7. Homer	1, 2, 4	1905	Mrs. Sawyers	Mrs. E. H. Combs	11	1	..	..	2	12	3d Thursday	3	8	....
8. Lincoln	1, 2, 3, 4	1890	Mrs. I. J. Stohl	Mrs. L. P. Ludden	13	3	..	..	....	16	1st Wednesday	10	13	....
9. McCool	1, 4	1907	Mrs. Dora Smith	Mrs. J. C. Marshall	12	..	..	..	....	12	1st Wednesday	..	6	....
10. North Platte	1, 2, 3, 4	1904	Mrs. J. F. Seibert	Mrs. F. Fredrickson	20	5	..	..	....	25	Last Friday	12	24	....
11. Omana	2, 3,	1886	Mrs. Paul Springer	Mrs. J. E. Hummon	14	..	..	..	....	14	3d Wednesday	6	6	....
12. Ponca	2, 3, 4	1880	Mrs. E. J. Berry	Mrs. W. W. Mikesell	30	..	..	..	....	30	1st Friday	9	9	....
13. Roca	1, 2, 4	1894	Miss Matie Martin	Miss Viola Martin	3	..	..	..	....	3	2d Sunday	....	1	....
14. Rising City	1, 2, 3, 4	1904	Mrs. L. J. Saylor	Mrs. D. Loudenslager	14	3	..	..	....	17	1st Wednesday	12	12	....
15. Stella	1, 2, 4	1884	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery	Mrs. J. C. Reimers	8	..	..	..	....	8	1st Thursday	6	6	....
16. Sutherland	1,	1907	Mrs. F. W. Kruse	Miss Laura Rhodes	6	..	..	..	....	6	2d Tuesday	3	4	....
17. Tekamah	1, 2, 4	1881	Mrs. W. F. Poot	Mrs. Estella Wood	9	..	..	..	....	9	1st Saturday	4	2	....
18. West Point	1, 2, 3, 4	1904	....	Mrs. A. B. C. Heller	10	..	..	..	....	10	1st Wednesday	10	2	....
19. Yutan	1, 2, 3, 4	1883	Miss L. A. Bender	Mrs. Of. F. Peters	3	2	..	..	....	5	1st Thursday	4	3	....
20. York	2, 4	1906	Mrs. R. A. White	Mrs. J. Foster	3	..	..	..	....	3	4th Thursday	....	1	..
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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.														
Nebraska City	3, 4	1908	Miss Louise Isenman	Miss Mary Johnson	10	9	..	..	....	19	1st Friday	8	5	....
MISSION BANDS.														
1. Auburn	1, 2, 4	1907	Carrie Mellott	Miss C. Kunkelman	19	9	9	..	....	37	4th Sunday	12	....	10
2. Dakota City	1, 2, 3,	1904	Frank Sides	Clara Blume	9	..	..	..	....	9	Alternate Sundays	11	....	25
3. Rising City	1, 2, 3, 4	1907	Florence Baker	Clyde Suddarth	34	9	..	..	....	43	1st Saturday	....	....	15
4. Yutan		1903	....	Miss Bernice Peters	9	..	..	..	....	9	2d Sunday	2	....	25
5. York	2, 4	1907	Annie Dreier	Miss Helen Sund	10	..	..	..	....	10	4th Thursday	....	....	12
6. Davenport	4	1908	....	Miss Sarah Grossman	14	..	..	..	....	14	....	....	....	10
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Grand Totals					357	45	55	..	....	457	....	....	147	97

Respectfully submitted, LYDIA A. BENDER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Report of Superintendent of Mission Bands.

During the past year I have written about thirty letters and cards and have sent out literature to every congregation and received very few responses.

During the year a new Mission Band was organized at Davenport.

Hoping for greater things in the future and praying for the Lord's blessing on the present convention, this is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. R. A. WHITE.

Received and referred to committee.

Treasurer's Report.

Madame Chairman and Sisters of the Nebraska Missionary Society:

Your Treasurer is happy to present the largest Treasurer's report ever submitted to your Society.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at beginning of Synodical year		$726 26	
Receipts from Societies and other ways (see Exhibit)		824 26	
Total			$1550 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Miss Ellen B. Schuff		$5 00	
For Autograph copy of *Lutheran Woman's Work*		5 00	
To Miss Bender, delegate to General Convention		21 25	
To General Treasurer:			
For General Fund	$191 00		
For Life Member	10 00		
For Thank-offering	138 00		
For Christmas Offering	21 00		
For South Omaha Church	3 00		
		363 00	
From Synodical Fee Fund:			
To Mrs. J. A. Lowe, postage	$3 95		
To Mrs. L. J. Saylor, postage	43		
To Paul Springer Co., stationery and programs	7 80		
To Mrs. M. A. Mostert, postage	1 00		
To Miss Bender, railroad fare and postage	6 82		
To Miss Haase, railroad fare and postage	8 00		
		28 00	
Total			422 25
Cash on hand			$1128 27

SILVER ANNIVERSARY FUND.

1907.			
Sept. 10. Cash on hand	$39 59		
Receipts	61		
Total		$40 20	
Disbursements		10 00	
Cash on hand			$30 20

DELEGATE TO GENERAL CONVENTION FUND.

Sept. 10. Cash on hand	$9 10		
Receipts	12 15		
		$21 25	
Disbursements		21 25	

SYNODICAL FEE FUND.

Sept. 10. Cash on hand	$10 17		
Receipts	33 86		
		44 03	
Disbursements		28 00	
Cash on hand			$16 03

ENDOWMENT BED FUND.

Sept. 10. Cash on hand	$667 40		
Receipts of year	333 60		
Total			1001 00

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from Societies	$253 78		
From Silver Anniversary Fund	5 00		
		$258 78	
Disbursements		191 00	
Cash on hand			67 78

OTHER MONEYS ON HAND.

Christmas Offering	75
Thank-offering	1 36
South Omaha Church	1 75
May Memorial	80
Nursery in India	60
Tablet for Nebraska Bed	8 00
Total cash on hand	$1128 27

You will notice that $10.00 was paid out of the Silver Anniversary Fund, while only $5.00 is mentioned in the general disbursements. The other $5.00, given towards the expenses of Mrs. Beegle while in our State, is disbursed through the General Fund.

There is yet due $3.75 on the Delegate to General Convention Fund.

An unusual amount of money is in hand as the last quarterly receipts were not sent to the General Treasurer. I waited to be able to send the money for the endowment of Nebraska's Bed in the Woman's Hospital in Guntur, India.

Let us rejoice that the $1000.00 endowment has been raised. It is no small achievement for our society.

ELIZABETH S. HAASE.

Treasurer's Exhibit of Receipts of the Nebraska W. H. and F. M. Society for Year Ending September 10, 1908.

Woman's Societies.	General Fund.	Life Membership.	Thank-Offering.	Synodical Fee.	Delegate to General Convention.	Christmas Offering.	May Memorial.	South Omaha.	Nursery in India.	Autograph Copy of Woman's Magazine.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	Tablet for Endowed Bed.	Endowment of Nebraska Bed in India Hospital.	Total.
Beatrice	$6 00	.....	$16 41	$3 30	.....	.....	$0 30	$0 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	$12 40	$39 16
Benson	7 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 40
Dakota City, Emmanuel	15 73	.....	6 38	2 00	.....	$3 75	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	$5 00	7 25	41 11
Dakota City, Salem	24 91	.....	6 80	2 50	$2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	55 51
Davenport	3 25	.....	4 67	80	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	20 92
Grand Island	9 90	.....	2 50	80	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 90	30 10
Homer	9 35	.....	9 52	2 10	1 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 35	29 32
Lincoln	13 65	.....	7 87	1 50	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	37 27
McCool Junction	6 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 30
North Platte	26 00	.....	10 50	2 40	1 20	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 00	66 10
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	9 50	.....	14 75	1 60	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 85	64 40
Paxton	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 50
Ponca	30 00	$10 00	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	78 00
Rising City	15 00	.....	24 00	1 40	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 00	74 40
Roca	6 85	.....	1 95	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 20	23 00
Stella	3 50	.....	8 00	50	50	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	19 00
Surprise	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Tekamah	7 90	.....	11 78	80	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	22 58
West Point	9 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	23 50
Wolbach	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	6 00
York	9 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 20
Yutan	4 60	.....	1 00	80	1 50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	15 40
Young People's Societies.														
Beatrice	1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	3 80
Nebraska City	11 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	19 40
Roca	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	4 00

Treasurer's Exhibit of Receipts.— *Concluded.*

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Children's Bands.	General Fund.	Life Membership.	Thank-Offering.	Synodical Fee.	Delegate to General Convention.	Christmas Offering.	May Memorial.	South Omaha.	Nursery in India.	Autograph Copy of Woman's Magazine.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	Tablet for Endowed Bed.	Endowment of Nebraska Bed in India Hospital.	Total.
Dakota City, Emmanuel	$1 45	.....	$1 26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1 00	$3 71
Oshkosh	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Grand Island	1 89	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 89
Rising City	.....	.....	1 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$0 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 17
South Auburn	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	10 00
York	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Congregations, Persons, etc.														
Wayne—Ladies' Aid Society	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
Hardy	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	6 00
Pawnee City	2 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 15
Orleans	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
South Omaha	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Stamford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
Mrs. C. L. Lowe	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Miss Pearl Jenks	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Mrs. Leigh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Davidson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
J. H. Fair	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2 00	.....	2 00
Henry Garman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
Mrs. John Weimer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Mrs. W. C. Heidenreich	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
J. H. Miller, M. D.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Offerings at the convention, 1907	.....	.....	.....	$5 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$5 00	.....	.....	.....	10 16
Interest	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$0 61	.....	52 65	53 26
Total	$253 78	$10 00	$39 36	$33 86	$12 15	$21 75	$0 80	$4 75	$0 60	$5 00	$0 61	$8 00	$333 60	$824 26

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions offer the following:

WHEREAS, We have been permitted by God's grace to meet in our Twenty-eighth Annual Convention, be it

Resolved, That we are grateful to our Father in heaven for the progress of the work He has put into our hands.

Resolved, That since in divine providence Mrs. Sterricher, Mrs. Shellenburg, Mrs. Dressen, and Emery C. Lowe, the son of our President, have been called from their labors here to a higher home, we extend our love and sympathy to these sisters and to the societies to which they belong.

Resolved, That we truly thank the societies that have been so faithful in furthering the work of our $1,000.00 endowment of the hospital bed in India, and that we thank our God for the sweet privilege of thus helping His kingdom.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Rev. Badger and his estimable wife and the kind people of Hardy for their attention to our every want and for their hospitality in their homes, to our convention. Also to the pastor and people of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the use of their church for our last session.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the friends who assisted in rendering special music, and to those who furnished the beautiful decorations.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Mr. Robert Weidensall for his address on his visit to our hospital and college in India.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. C. R. LOWE,
MISS SARAH GROSSMAN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers submit the following:

Among the letters and papers placed in my hands is a letter of greeting from Mrs. H. C. Beegle. Her appreciation of our program is noted. Her desire that Nebraska will soon have a Mission Band in every congregation and many more subscriptions to the *Lutheran Woman's Work* is ours.

We appreciate the letter of greeting from Rev. M. F. Rinker, and suggest the letter be read and prayer offered for our work in California.

Mrs. Saylor, our Magazine Secretary, sent greeting, and wrote of the splendid testimonies concerning the magazine, urged our ladies to put forth an effort during this month, appointing a canvasser to see every family of the church and report the number of subscriptions to her. Let us work for the banner.

The paper on "How to Conduct a Mission Band Meeting," by Miss Charlotte L. Kunkelman, was filled with suggestions. These points were noted. She must be interested in the work, make for each meeting, know the children, keep them busy, make them feel it is *our* meeting, that she is working for their spiritual and temporal welfare. Use helps provided for Mission Bands

and Junior Societies. Have some social gatherings. She suggested the following program for some of the meetings:

1. A couple of songs selected by children.
2. Scripture lesson read in concert.
3. Prayer by superintendent.
4. Questions and answers on the lesson which was given out the previous Sunday.
5. Song.
6. Lesson presented by superintendent.
7. A few short prayers by members of Band.
8. Either Bible drill or names and number of books or Bible questions.
9. Special music or recitation and offering.
10. Preparation of next Sunday's lesson, and leader assigned.
11. Closing song and prayer.

Another paper, "How Shall We Develop Leaders?" by Mrs. H. W. Bartling, was most helpful. She stated, "The Lutheran Church believes that child nurture and training are essential to the development of a well-rounded Christian. Between the Sunday school and church there is an important gap which a well-conducted Mission Band fills. Much depends upon the leader. The church should not be satisfied until the best she has is appropriated. She should be proud to be selected, and should fit herself for the place. To be a good leader, excellent qualities of heart, head and hand are necessary. One filled with Spirit and can meet the *expectation* of the children. Love them, teach them manners of the sanctuary, promptness at meetings, a love for the Bible and the church. Use objects, pictures and blackboard. A good leader will develop leaders. Put the children to work. Teach them to do well what they undertake, always to take part in all concert exercises, ask them to do only that which they know how. Let them make preparation before the meeting. Let all do something, each that for which he is fitted. Teach the children to lead in prayer—suggest the prayers or write sentence prayers for them, then use their own petitions. Let them prepare something on the lesson—tell a story or recite. Slip out of the room and let the meeting go on. Allow them to conduct a meeting alone. Give the children opportunity, help and encouragement, and you will have developed leaders.

The paper by Mrs. Oleva Kuehns on "The Immigration Problem," was timely, instructive and very interesting. Lack of space only forbids me giving a review of the excellent paper. I recommend that it be forwarded to the editor of our magazine.

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH S. HAASE.

Adopted.

Report of Secretary of Young People's Department.

Your Secretary for Young People's Societies has written fifty six letters,

partly with return post-cards for replies, during the past year, urging workers to organize, or to take the pledge of the Helpers' Circle in their Leagues and Endeavor Societies, and encouraging workers who were trying to organize. One society has been the fruit of her efforts—that at Nebraska City. Interest has been awakened, which, if watched during the coming year, will spring up fruitfully.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. R. M. BADGER.

Received and referred to committee.

Report of Secretary of Thank-Offering Department.

The Thank-offering last year amounted to $136.00, which is the largest in the history of our society.

I have written to all societies twice during the year.

Societies using mite boxes and holding public Thank-offering meetings give the largest offerings. I have just received a letter from Mrs. Bond, General Thank-offering Secretary, saying the program for the public Thank-offering meeting this year is "Flashlights on Missions and Thank-offerings." But a few of our societies have been using these programs. Why not all?

The public meeting has been a means of gaining new members and of interesting the indifferent. Mrs. Bond has had printed report blanks for the use of auxiliary Secretaries, which can be procured at a cost of 30 cents per 100.

What is the pleasure of the convention in regard to using such blanks? My prayer is that God's Holy Spirit may richly abide with you during convention, and that our work for the Master may be blessed during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. J. SAYLOR.

Received and referred to committee.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The committee appointed to examine all papers and books of the Treasurer submit the following report:

We find the same to be correct.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. OLEVA KUEHNS,
MRS. H. W. BARTLING.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Literature.

The work of another Synodical year has passed into history, and your committee present a review of their work for the year.

Regularly the work has gone forward during the twelve months, the printed pages have gone forth not only from our own General Literature Committee, but some of the societies have been especially helped by good literature that has come to them from other sources.

One of the encouraging features of this year has been an increase in the number of organized Mission Study classes. Nearly all of our societies are now using the United Course of Studies, in addition to the regular work as outlined month by month in *Lutheran Woman's Work*.

While it is not directly in the line of the work of your Literature Committee, still we ask your indulgence as we call your especial attention to the very helpful and most excellent magazine now published by our General Executive Committee, *Lutheran Woman's Work*. Those who have taken it from the beginning know full well how very uplifting it is in all departments of our great missionary work. We plead for a larger and yet larger circulation. It ought to be in every home. Our women of this Synodical society can, if they will, do very much to help the General Executive Committee in the work of bringing the circulation up to the 20,000 mark.

The financial exhibit this year is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last report	$2 65
Tracts sold	10
Davenport, for tracts	50
Dakota City, for tracts	50
Rising City, for tracts	50
Stella, for tracts	50
York, for tracts	50
Lincoln, books sold	1 27
Lincoln, tracts	50
Salem, tracts, 1906–1909	1 50
Yutan	50
Beatrice	50
Roca	50
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	50
Homer	50
North Platte	50
Total receipts	$11 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

For stamps	$3 43
For money orders	11
For literature	5 48
Balance on hand	2 50
	$11 52

All bills are paid except for the last quarter's tracts, for which the bill has not been presented.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Historian.

Scarcely can we realize that another year has passed since we met at the twenty-seventh annual convention, held at Grand Island.

Yet the falling leaves and autumn winds assure us that time is passing and bearing us swiftly in its course.

Does not this thought stir within you a determination to improve the days as they go by and not let one opportunity pass unheeded which is for the betterment of mankind and the glory of God.

The fact that we have been spared to thus assemble should remind us that God has yet some work in store for us.

As it is my special duty to keep "history straight," bear with me while I enumerate the additions made during the past year and ask your co-operation in supplying the missing links.

We have added since last report:

1. Minutes and program of the Synodical society which met at Grand Island.

2. United Study book, "Gloria Christi."

3. Guntur Mission, report of, 1907.

4. A map of Nebraska, which was on exhibition at Philadelphia, showing the location of every congregation, and especially designating those having a missionary society.

5. The *Lutheran Woman's Work*, from date of issue, with autograph copy.

6. Photos of six of our State Presidents, Mesdames J. S. Detweiler, J. G. Griffith, C. W. Baker, O. M. Easterday, H. J. Penfold, E. S. Haase. The first and last are still wanting, Mrs. Kimmel and Mrs. Lowe.

7. The nineteenth biennial report of the Board of Home Missions, held at Sunbury, Pa.

8. Our first Historian, Mrs. Schnure, has contributed largely to the back numbers of our *Missionary Journal*. The numbers still missing since 1880 are: 1880, May, June, July, August, September and December; 1881, January, May and August; 1882, May, July, August, September and December; 1883, January, April, July, August, September and December; 1885, January, May and July; 1900, April; 1902, May; 1904, December; 1907, November.

These are all the numbers missing since the date of first publication. I would urge that we make an effort to procure these missing numbers and have them all neatly bound for convenient reference.

In looking over the reports from the various Secretaries in the Nebraska field we have reason in most cases to rejoice, and in a few cases to let fall tears of sorrow. Death has called to a higher field of service three noble workers the past year, Mrs. Sterricker and Mrs. Schellburg, both of Omaha, and Mrs. Dressen, of Grand Island.

Several report larger Thank-offerings than in the past; a few an increase of membership, and North Platte makes us truly thankful by a report that she

has *doubled* her membership. All hail to these noble workers! Some report no change, and one or two a decrease, owing to lack of pastor. We pray they may strive for better results another year.

We note with pleasure that the *regular* contributions have not decreased, although large special offerings have been raised for the Jubilee and Bed Funds: 1900, $298.27; 1901, $314.39; 1902, $328.51; 1903, $408.76; 1904, $426.14; 1905, $663.12, of this $436.00 was regular, $227.00 Jubilee Fund; 1906, $663.35, of this $403.60 was regular, $259.75 Bed Fund; 1907, $767.28, of this $498.41 was regular.

The Bed Fund is about completed. After all reports are in we hope to place the cap stone in position and see our work in this particular line finished. A glorious work completed, a sigh of relief and another item added to history.

As we take up the work of another year, let it be with more interest. Let each letter be answered with more minuteness and promptness. Let each have a part in contributing to the Historian's report, for the glory of God and this beautiful State of ours.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Received and referred to committee.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee on President's Report finds little that calls for special atttention. We find in her address appreciation of the work of the past years, and an earnest desire for continued success.

We rejoice in the new organizations at Nebraska City and Paxton, and in the continued hearty co-operation of the pastors.

We are deeply grateful for the completion of the India Bed Fund.

We favorably note the suggestion of directing our efforts to the homeland.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. F. SEIBERT,
MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Executive Committee's Report.

Your Committee on Executive Committee's Report respectfully submit the following:

Having examined the report, we recommend that the convention approve the efforts of the Executive Committee as made in their two meetings of the past year.

That we approve the action of the Executive Committee in paying the expenses for Miss Schuff and Mrs. Beegle—the amount for Mrs. Beegle turned to the General Fund.

Also, that the balance due delegate to General Convention, 1907 ($3.75), be paid from the Anniversary Fund.

Also, that no Nominating Committee be appointed for this meeting of convention.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. ROY MAREEN BADGER,
MRS. JOHN F. SEIBERT.

Adopted item by item.

Mrs. Kuhns recommended that the Secretary of the Auxiliary Society be more careful to state what money is for in sending reports.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Your Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report, have carefully reviewed the report, and find it correct throughout.

The committee desires to commend her for her faithful efforts.

Respectfully submitted, MATIE MARTIN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Reports of Department Secretaries.

We, your Committee on Reports of Department Secretaries submit the following:

The Secretary of the Thank-offering Department has been very active and effective in her duties. She reports the largest Thank offering in the history of the Synodical society, although six (6) auxiliaries failed to make such offerings.

In the report of the Children's Mission Band we note that she has performed her duties faithfully, but that she has not received the encouragement she should from the auxiliaries.

Respectfully submitted, MABEL SANQUEST,
AUGUSTA S. WHITE.

Report of Committee on Standing Committees' Reports.

Your Committee on Standing Committees' Reports submit the following:

We desire to commend the Literature Committee for the brief but very complete report. She has been doing good work, and in this connection would suggest that almost all literature be ordered through our Synodical Committee.

We commend the zealous efforts of the Historian in the careful attention to the details and the ardor shown in getting these items.

She deserves great credit for getting the file of journals so complete, and suggest that all friends look over their journals and supply, if possible, the missing numbers. Finances permitting, we recommend that these be bound.

We note with pleasure the increase of the regular contributions, despite the large amounts that have been raised for special funds.

Respectfully submitted, ALICE HUMPE,
MARY JOHNSON.

Adopted.

Report of delegate to Iowa Convention.

Solo, Rev. Charles R. Lowe.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, addressed the convention.

Paper, The Immigrant Problem, Mrs. Kuehns.

Election of officers.

President—Mrs. Roy M. Badger.

Vice-President—Miss Matie Martin.

Recording Secretary—Miss Maude Martin.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Treasurer—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Delegate to General Convention—Mrs. J. A. Lowe.

Alternate—Miss Matie Martin.

Closed with doxology.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Psalm xci., Mrs. R. A. White.

Roll-call.

Minutes read and approved.

"My visit to Guntur, India," Mr. Robert Weidensall.

Duet, Misses Mae Salyard and Helen Fair.

Paper, *Lutheran Woman's Work*, by Mrs. L. Y. Saylor, read by Miss Matie Martin.

Letter from Mrs. Beegle, read by Mrs. Badger.

As the sum of $19.75 was lacking on the Bed Fund, it was raised in convention, after which a short praise service was held. Mrs. Lowe, the retiring President, under whose administration the work had been undertaken and completed, was appointed to carry the good news to Synod.

Letter from Rev. M. F. Rinker was read and prayer was offered for California.

Object-lessons for Mission Band, Mrs. R. A. White.

Mr. Weidensall told of the little ones he had seen in his trip around the world.

Motion passed that we memorialize the General Society to allow the maintenance of a room in the Tabitha Home Hospital, and that the Secretary be instructed to present the same to the Executive Committee of the General Society.

Motion passed that all bills presented be allowed.

Motion carried that action with regard to place of next meeting be left to the Executive Committee.

Newly-elected President introduced, followed by farewell words of the retiring President.

Quiet Hour, Mrs. R. M. Badger.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention was declared closed by the President.

MAUDE MARTIN,
Recording Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

, to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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